

Pearl Harbor sees most ship visits since RIMPAC



(Below) The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) receives fuel from the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser (TAO 187) during a replenishment at sea. Both ships made a port visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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As Hawaii bade farewell to USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), after a brief port visit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week, port operations continued to be busy with the largest group of visitors since last summer's Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

USS Carl Vinson sailed out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 10 after a brief respite, and is continued home to San Diego after an historic six-month deployment, the carrier's first since returning to the west coast last year.

Meanwhile, Pearl Harbor continued to be busy with numerous ships and submarines in port.

Among the visitors were two Australian ships – HMAS Perth

and HMAS Sydney – that routinely operate with and support U.S. Pacific Fleet. Perth is the newest Australian ship; Sydney is the oldest.

International partners and allies train routinely with the U.S. Navy in Hawaiian waters, including at the one-of-a-kind Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.

“The busy optempo both here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

Hickam and at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai highlights how vital Hawaii is, not only for our own national security but also for our friends and allies who help us maintain stability throughout the region,” said Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

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Joint base plans cleanup June 22

Full participation is expected

Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will host an installation-wide base cleanup from 8 to 11 a.m. June 22. All tenants are expected to participate.

Commands can do their part by conducting general cleanup and maintenance of their respective areas.

Commands should concentrate on high visibility areas such as installation entrances, window washing, parking areas, roadway borders, sidewalks, and areas around the facilities that offer high return in improving the appearance of our installation.

Commands can also submit beautification projects in the vicinity of their respective facilities that are beyond their capability.

The JBPHH First Lieutenant office will accept requests for the use of landscaping equipment, personal protective equipment, debris removal, and painting or cleaning supplies.

JBPHH also requests that commands adopt high visibility areas, such as installation roadways and shore line. These areas will be maintained by the adopting command for future base wide cleanups.

Commands that are unable to adopt areas can support by providing personnel to staff First Lieutenant team projects. Team projects will concentrate on areas identified above as well as sign cleaning, storm drain labeling and fence maintenance.

It is imperative to project a positive and professional image to ourselves and our visitors. One of the simplest and best ways to achieve this is through high standards of appearance and cleanliness of JBPHH.

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Hickam security forces gear up for AMC Rodeo

Staff Sgt. Carolyn (Viss) Herrick

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Four members of the 647th Security Forces Squadron are honing their skills for the upcoming 2011 Air Mobility Command Rodeo, a biennial, international airlift competition at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Skonetski, Tech. Sgt. Pablo Gonzalez, Senior Airman Christopher Menefee and Senior Airman Jeffrey Kristek will attend the rodeo from July 24 to 29 and represent their squadron by competing in four events: combat tactics, combat endurance, combat weapons, and the advanced designated marksman (ADM)/sharpshooter event.

“The security forces competition event measures combat skills which security forces have acquired through formal schools, day-to-day duties, and unit training in direct support of Defense Department missions,” said Maj. Anthony Gurrieri, this year's Team Hickam Rodeo team chief.

“I've never done the rodeo before, but I'm pretty excited about the opportunity,” said Skonetski, the security forces team leader.

The combat tactics event they are training for is a big role-player event, he said. It tests the tactical ability of a four-person security team.

“We'll be encountering role players throughout a scenario and interacting with host nation forces,” Skonetski said. “We will be graded on team movement, reacting to fire, and creating operational order for mission.”

The combat endurance event requires completing a timed, 2.5-kilometer obstacle course during which they have to practice field craft scenarios for added mental stress – like adding self-aid and buddy care scenarios and having to carry a life-sized dummy on a litter.

The combat weapons portion of the competition will require them to engage multiple targets at various distances with the M9 and the M4.



U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Lauren Main

Tech. Sgt. Michael Skonetski, 647th Security Forces Squadron Rodeo team leader, prepares to fire his M4 rifle on the firing range at Scholfield Barracks on June 13 in preparation for the upcoming rodeo competition in July. The 647th SFS rodeo team consists of four members who must endure physical and mental challenges to ready themselves for the competition.

“We know we will have to complete obstacle courses and shoot, but we don't know exactly what to expect – what obstacles, or what the course of fire will be – so we're preparing for a whole bunch of different scenarios,” said Skonetski, a security forces armorer. “We're doing a wide range of training exercises, including PT, to prepare for whatever they throw at us.”

What Skonetski most looks forward to is the ADM event, where he and Menefee will work in a two-man team using the M24.

“The big thing for this is both of us are going to be shooting,” Skonetski said. “Snipers always work in teams. We both have to be absolutely perfect because it's just the two of you: a shooter and a spotter.”

The spotter is integral to ensuring the shooter is putting the bullet on target. He has to be able to read temperature, elevation, wind speed and direction, and humidity so that the shooter can dial in the numbers on the scope and make adjustments on the fly, according to Skonetski.

“There are actually mathematical formulas you have to use,” he said. “It's challenging, but rewarding.”

He and Menefee went through the ADM school together at Fort Bliss, Texas, deployed together to Iraq, and are now teammates for rodeo. Knowing each other so well will be a big boon to their competitive skills, he said.

ing with other people, and very, very good practice,” Skonetski said. “That way, when we do deploy, we can better use these skills in real-world scenarios. Competing, learning from each other, and honing our craft is very exciting.”

They, like the rest of the Hickam Rodeo team, expect to show the rest of Air Force, including international forces, what they have to offer.

“We are working together as a team across the board. We've joined the 15th Wing with the 647th Air Base Group and Security Forces Squadron, the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, and our Guard brethren from the 154th Wing,” Gurrieri said. “This is truly a team Hickam event, and we are touching all aspects of the joint base environment.”

SOCAPAC conducts change of command ceremony

U.S. Special Operations Command-Pacific Public Affairs Office

CAMP H. M. SMITH – Navy Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, presided over a change of command ceremony here June 9, as Air Force Maj. Gen. Norman J. Brozenick Jr. assumed command of the Special Operations Command, Pacific, from Navy Rear Adm. Sean A. Pybus.

Willard awarded Pybus the Defense Superior Service Medal in recognition of his accomplishments as commander of SOCPAC and said, “I regard him as the most effective SOF commander we've ever had.”

“I know of no finer officer in the SOF community and no finer man to go on to develop our Navy's SEALs,” Willard said. Pybus will become the next commander of Naval Special Warfare Command in San Diego, Calif.

Brozenick and wife Lisa were welcomed by Willard to Hawaii and to SOCPAC. “His experiences will serve him well in the extremely dynamic Asia-Pacific region,” Willard said.

Brozenick is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours and has served in MC-130 Combat Talon squadrons and commanded a combat aviation advisory squadron. Brozenick also commanded the 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan during tsunami relief operations in Indonesia and Thailand.

Prior to assuming command of SOCPAC, he was the director of plans, programs, requirements and assessments at Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Brozenick is the 15th officer to hold the position of commander of SOCPAC.



U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Peter J. Thibodeau

Navy Adm. Robert F. Willard (left), commander of U.S. Pacific Command, welcomes Air Force Maj. Gen. Norman J. Brozenick Jr. (right) as the new commander of Special Operations Command-Pacific, during a change of command ceremony June 9 at Camp H.M. Smith.



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Youngster becomes Hickam 'Pilot for a Day'

Story and photo by SrA Lauren Main

15th Wing Public Affairs

His eyes were wide with excitement as he crawled into the pilot's seat on the flight deck of the C-17 Globemaster III simulator. His legs were too short to reach the pedals and he could barely see over the controls, but it was no matter. With the assistance and support of his family and escorts, Cody Sugai became a pilot for a day.

Cody Sugai is an outspoken 11-year-old who is recovering from strokes caused by serious illness. In partnership with Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children, where he is being continually treated, the 15th Wing welcomed Cody for the "Pilot for a Day" program.

The program focuses on children who have serious or chronic conditions. The 15th Wing's Pilot for a Day program invites children of all ages to be guests of the 15th Wing and one of its flying squadrons for an entire day. The day is planned to give each child, and also the child's family, a break from the challenges they



Cody Sugai sits in the engine of a KC-135 and chats with Capt. Jasmine McCann, KC-135 pilot with the 96th Air Refueling Squadron Cody's escort during his "Pilot for a Day" experience June 10. Cody is recovering from strokes caused by serious illness and was nominated as the PFAD by Kapi'olani Medical Center in partnership with the 15th Wing.

may face.

Cody, who was accompanied by his family and his pilot escort, started off his day with a demonstration

of the 647th Security Forces military working dogs. He watched Aaron the dog sniff out explosive materials from one of

many suitcases and take down suspicious characters during a role play scenario.

"The dogs were my

favorite to start with, but after I got to fly the simulator, I changed my mind," said Cody.

During his flight in the

simulator, Cody repeatedly chanted "crash, crash, crash!" and giggled and laughed. He squealed with delight as the simulator turned and took a nose dive for the mountains.

"I think he had a great time," said Capt. Jasmine McCann, KC-135 pilot with the 96th Air Refueling Squadron and Cody's pilot escort. "I'd say he really liked the night vision goggles, and I know he had a great time crashing the C-17 simulator."

In addition to the C-17 experience, McCann showed Cody and his family a static display of the plane she pilots, the KC-135. Cody climbed through the boom and the cockpit and even had the opportunity to sit on the edge of the engine.

At the end of the day, Cody was met by Col. Joe Dague, 15th Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Craig Recker, 15th Wing command chief, who greeted him with a certificate and a coin.

Cody's parents said they were grateful for the opportunity the members of the 15th Wing provided to their son, but of course, the members of the 15th Wing insisted it was their pleasure.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance gives back to Pearl Harbor military families

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

TriWest Healthcare Alliance donated \$5,000 to Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam's (JBPHH) Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) during a presentation on June 8.

This is the fourth straight year TriWest has donated money to the MSFC.

"The reason why we donate money to the military is because it is part of our corporate objective to give back to the military community to help provide support to service members and their families," said Karl Kiyokawa, vice president of operations in Hawaii for TriWest. "We really recognize the sacrifice that the military makes for our country, and it's great when we are able to support them through contributions like this."

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, thanked TriWest representatives during the presentation.

"I personally want to



Karl Kiyokawa, vice president of operations in Hawaii for TriWest (third from right), presents a \$5,000 dollar check to Rear Adm. Dixon Smith (far right), commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (far right), members of the Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MSFC), and members of the Friends of Fleet and Family Support Center. The money will be used to support programs that are run by the MSFC for service members and their families.

express my appreciation for TriWest's generous contribution here today," said Smith. "It is because of organizations like TriWest that our service members and their families are able to utilize the programs that they need."

Mary Lovely, president of the installation's Friends of Fleet and Family Support Center, expressed her gratitude for

TriWest's donation.

"We are very grateful for TriWest's donation of \$5,000 that will go to support our programs at the Military and Family Support Center," Lovely said. "TriWest was very generous and we are extremely appreciative of their efforts to give back our military."

MSFC offers various programs to Sailors, Airmen

and their families, including counseling services, assistance with lodging, relocation, child care, new parent support and phone contact information, among others.

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Construction underway on last new homes

Hickam Communities

Construction of the last new homes planned for Hickam Communities is underway.

From October through December, 98 homes will be constructed, marking the completion

of Onizuka Village and the end of new home construction. "Onizuka is a special neighborhood to wrap up construction at our Air Force project," said Jerry Schmitz, project director of Hickam

Communities. "It will be the first Air Force neighborhood to have all its homes — 304 of them — LEED Certified Silver."

While new home construction is wrapping up, renovations on 285 historic homes are starting. The first renovations were completed last month. When Hickam Communities development scope comes to an end in 2013, more than 600 historic homes will have been renovated.

Chief of chaplains visits USS Hawaii



(Below) Rear Adm. Mark Tidd, chief of chaplains, talks with submariners during a tour on board the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) on June 13. "I am truly impressed with the knowledge our Sailors display on this submarine," said Tidd. "That doesn't come without a lot of hard work and dedication." USS Hawaii is currently homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



(Left) Cmdr. Steve Mack, commanding officer of the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776), explains the torpedo room layout to Rear Adm. Mark Tidd, chief of chaplains, during a tour of USS Hawaii on June 13.

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Warrior of the Week: AT2 Morgan offers help to prisoners at Navy Brig

Story and photo by
MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

A Navy Airman found himself in a unique position when he opted to take on a special duty billet at the Naval Consolidated Brig Miramar (NCBM) Detachment Pearl Harbor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Christopher Morgan is one of seven qualified corrections counselors who manages independent program plans for individual prisoners residing in NCBM.

The mission of the Detachment Pearl Harbor Brig is to provide safe, legal, secure and professional confinement of prisoners from all branches of service in Hawaii and to provide a comprehensive corrections program of evaluation, work, training and opportunities for self-improvement.

Morgan said that the goals of the brig programs are to better prepare confined personnel for return to duty, or to the civilian community as productive, offense-free individuals when released from the brig.

"We're not licensed psychologists or anything," said Morgan. "We're considered like a social service case worker. A lot of our work is to guide prisoners through the different levels of confinement to the steps involved needed to resume day-to-day life - the initial 72 hours that they spend in in-processing, all the way up to release."

As a corrections counselor, Morgan offers more than a guidance process through the brig program. Prisoners can request counseling with any issue they want. According to Morgan, while many of the prisoners come in with minor financial issues, others

come in with complex issues that might delve into the prisoner's life experiences.

"It's our opportunity to gain a lot of insight for what our prisoners are into," said Morgan. "We help them with any training they might want to attend. We can get them books or references to help them, build them post-military and just get them set up so they are not going back out there and re-offend. Sometimes it involves getting deep into their family history, and we try to address problems thereon. What had happened in the past might have affected what their offense was," Morgan explained.

He said the most common problem he sees is drugs.

"There is ... a lot of 'Spice' going around," said Morgan. "A lot of people are getting confined for that - just drugs in general, it can be meth, Spice or marijuana. We have seen very few alcohol-related problems, actually."

Before arriving at NCBM, Morgan was assigned to Fleet Readiness Center Southwest in San Diego where he met his wife who was also serving in the U.S. Navy. When Morgan's wife, decided to take an assignment in Hawaii, Morgan turned in a request to co-locate with his spouse. The only set of orders available for him was brig duty at NCBM.

"It wasn't exactly a first choice but it turned out to be a really awesome thing," said Morgan.

Morgan was a corrections specialist for more than two years when his assistant officer in charge asked him if he wanted to go to corrections counselor school at Naval Technical Training Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"It was awesome fun," said Morgan. "The instructors were very experienced, and we worked

through the worst and easiest prisoners. It's interesting running through all the scenarios."

Since 2008, Morgan has handled more than 80 prisoners with varying levels of difficulties.

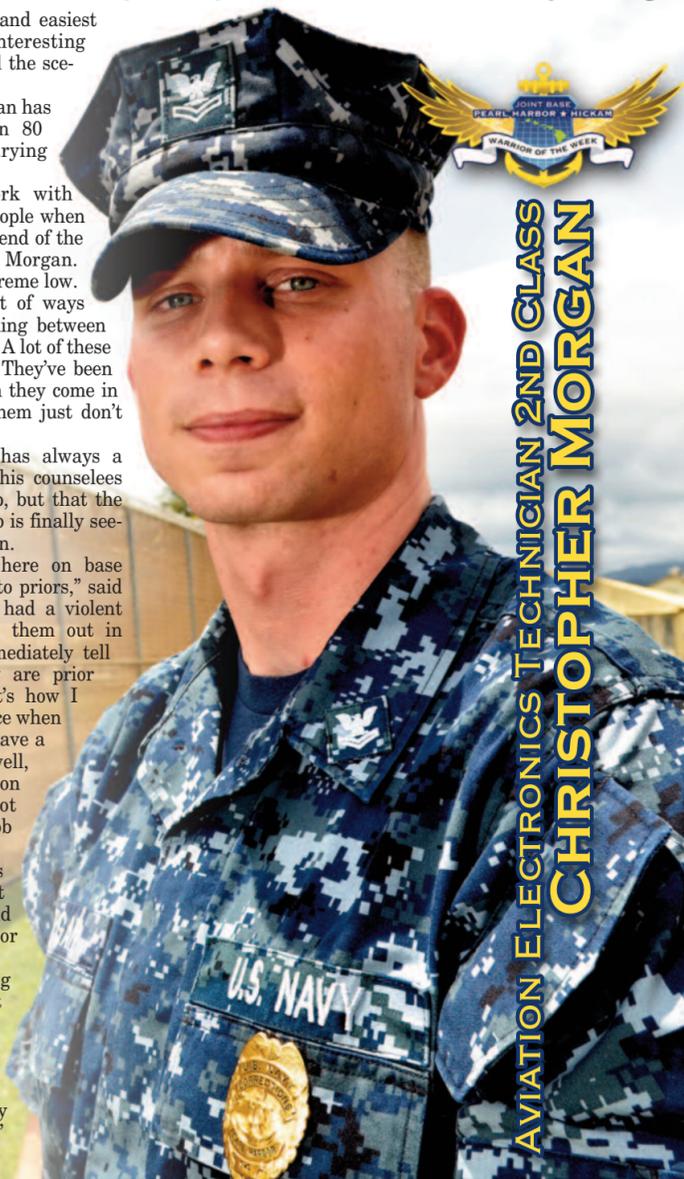
"You get to work with some interesting people when it's like the bottom end of the military," said Morgan. "They are on an extreme low. It's harder in a lot of ways than the transitioning between recruits to military. A lot of these guys are seasoned. They've been in for awhile. When they come in the brig, a lot of them just don't care."

Morgan said it has always a challenge to build his counselees from the ground up, but that the high point of the job is finally seeing them out in town.

"You can't live here on base without running into priors," said Morgan. "I never had a violent run-in when I see them out in town. I won't immediately tell anybody that they are prior offenders, like that's how I know them. It is nice when they tell me, they have a job, they are doing well, they're staying on island, or they got this awesome job back Seattle."

Morgan hopes that he would get approval to attend Navy Counselor School.

"I'm counseling the worst now, so it would be rewarding, to say the least, to be counseling other Sailors in the Navy outside the brig," said Morgan.



Hawaii Airman helps to volunteer, strengthen partnership in Kyrgyzstan

Master Sgt.
Jerome Baysmore

376th Air Expeditionary Wing

(Editor's note: A Hawaii Air National Guardsman from Hickam is currently working with the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing.)

NIZNE-CHUISK VIL-LAGE, Kyrgyzstan - Manas Area Benefit Outreach

Society representatives helped a local school prepare for an upcoming class here June 7.

Several Airmen volunteers from the transit center at Manas donated their time to help repaint the hallways and floors in "Niz Village" during the school summer break.

"Kids are my passion - I like kids, and I try to do what I can to help out," said Master Sgt. Michael Dinneen, a

Hawaii Air National Guardsman who is working with the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing as a chaplain assistant and is the Niz Village MABOS focus group leader. "We try to do what we can to help out the school," he explained.

"We don't speak the language, but kids really don't care. They just want some attention and someone to hang out with; I can do that,"

Dinneen continued. "I think it helps our morale at the transit center to get the chance to get out, interact with the locals, and help where we can."

Senior Airman Kelsey Liriano-Wilson, 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron aircrew flight equipment specialist, agreed.

"This is my second time at Manas, and I've always loved going to the orphanages helping out and playing with the

kids," she said. Liriano-Wilson is deployed from the 92nd Operations Support Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us to help the community," she said.

Although the children were out for their break, the volunteers didn't mind.

"It didn't matter much to me," said Senior Airman Samantha Lewis, 728th

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron C-17 Supply technician deployed here from the 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. "It's definitely an experience and I wanted to take the opportunity to come out and explore a little bit. I wanted to get out to see what it's like here. It puts things in perspective as to why we help out where we can," said Lewis.

Diverse Views



Sunday is Father's Day.
How do you plan to honor a dad (father, husband, etc.) in your life on this special day?



Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Seaman Jesse Chinchillas

"I'll be here in Hawaii about to go underway. I miss my dad, but you got to do what you got to do."

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Seaman Jason Goff



"I'll probably give my dad a call. I'll talk to him on the phone. He's all the way back in Tennessee. It's kind of hard to see him."



Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class (SW) Sambath Ham

"I'm going to Skype with my family. My son graduated today from kindergarten. I called him and told him that I'm proud of him. He is my little man."

Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW/AW) Joshua Stark



"For Father's Day we've got a meal planned on the ship for all the fathers. We are going to have a little luncheon for them. My father is in San Diego. My plan is really just to call him and greet him a Happy Father's day. My kids are going to call me. They are also in San Diego."

(Provided by MC2 Mark Logico)

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Thunderbolt flies over Oahu

A Republic F-47N "Thunderbolt" assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard is shown flying over the ocean with Waikiki and Diamond Head in the background. The 199th FS flew these aircraft from 1947 until 1954. Note the "TH" (Territory Of Hawaii) markings and the original 199th FS "Kukailimoku" emblem.

Photo courtesy of T. Merrill, retired 154th Wing historian



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CNRH Sailor receives best Father's Day present ever

MC1 (EXW)
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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

A Pearl Harbor Sailor received his best Father's Day present ever – a little early.

It was on May 25 that 2nd Lt. Michel Pardal, an Air Force Academy graduate, received his first salute from his father, Quarter Master 1st Class (SW) Julian Pardal, assigned to Navy Region Hawaii. Michel is currently on his first leave after graduating from the academy and is visiting his father in Hawaii for Father's Day.

"It was on the 25th of May when he commissioned. I gave him the first salute and he paid for it. He gave me a silver dollar," said Julian. "I pinned on his bars, stepped back and said, good afternoon, sir. I then gave him the first salute."

Both father and son were happy and nervous at the same time. "I felt very proud, most definitely. You get a rush and you get nervous, but it is a good rush to know that your son accomplished so much. It's really great," said Julian.

"I was kind of nervous in the beginning. I did not want to mess up the oath. It was kind of weird having my



U.S. Navy photo by MC2(SW) Mark Logico

father salute me," added Michel. "I was just really happy that I graduated the academy. I had come full circle and I was happy that he was my first salute. I was happy that they [Air Force] gave me the option to pick," he continued.

Julian has been in the Navy for more than 16 years. He was a merchant sailor from Cuba before immigrating to the United States. He brought his wife, Marisela, and then five-year-old son Michel with him. Julian joined the United States Navy in June 1995.

Although Julian has what some would consider a life-

time of accomplishments already, he keeps his goals set high. He plans to serve at least 20 years in the Navy and he wants to earn the rank of chief by retirement. Julian is close to finishing his bachelor's degree, and plans to seek military-related employment after retiring from the Navy.

Being a Sailor for most of his adult life, the senior Pardal has spent many months at a time away from his family. "The good aspects of being away from home are you get in contact with so many cultures. It is like a free university, and you definitely learn a lot," Julian

said.

"The worst part of being away is sometimes you get underway when your children are small. When you come back, they are walking. You go away when they are toddlers and when you come back they are talking. You miss some stuff in their life and when you come home you have to catch up," he explained.

Michel never really gave much thought to his father being away for long periods of time. "My father was in the merchant marines even before I was born," said Michel. "So growing up, even in Cuba, I was always used to

him being gone for a couple months at a time. I was raised that way. It was good because dynamics changed whenever he came back. We did more things. We would go out more, [and] I looked forward to it. I guess it was just something I grew up with," Michel continued.

Joining the military was never something Julian had planned for his son. "I only told him to do something he wants to do," said Julian. "I kind of encouraged whatever he wanted. I never told him I wanted him to join. I left that part to him," he said.

"I did tell him that everything you do in life you must work hard for. Nothing comes easy. He knows that education is very important. I always encouraged him to get educated. You cannot take anything for granted. You're going to have to work for it," he continued.

Michel said he never thought seriously about joining the military before college. When he was in high school, his family was stationed in La Maddalena, Italy. Later, Michel went to a boarding school which was located on an Air Force base in England.

During his senior year, Michel joined the JROTC. "It was something to try and I liked the Air Force atmosphere," he said. "There was

a senior master sergeant and a colonel in charge of us. They were very nice people and I liked them. I liked the atmosphere."

Michel applied to several different universities, including the Air Force Academy, but he almost missed seeing the acceptance letter from the Air Force Academy. "It ended up that the day before we left England for Italy, my parents had come to my graduation. I got the acceptance letter in the mail. A couple of hours later and I would not have seen it, so it was actually kind of by chance," said Michel.

After spending Father's Day with his parents, Michel will report to his first assignment at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas.

"To me, this is the best present he can give me. To become an officer in any branch of service, it doesn't matter as long as he can serve his country," explained Julian.

"I was taught that our children have to do better than us and he accomplished that. I used to be the example to follow in this family. Now he is the example for his generation. They look at him and say this is what we are supposed to be doing. Not only in the military, you study, you work hard and you will get your reward," Julian said.

USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) visits Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



(Left to right) Quartermaster 1st Class Reed T. Gonzales, Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class John C. Anthony, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Sarah M. Peachey and Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class Jason C. Evans, all assigned to the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), re-enlist with Capt. Bruce H. Lindsey, Carl Vinson commanding officer at the USS Arizona Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 James R. Evans

(Below) An SH-60F Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 15 flies over the USS Arizona Memorial as the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 James R. Evans



(Below) Tiger cruise participants watch an F/A-18C Hornet assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 25 launch from the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) during the ship's tiger cruise air show. Carl Vinson and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 recently completed a deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of responsibility and returned to homeport San Diego after a stop in Hawaii.

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Hull Maintenance Technician 2nd Class Rob Leedham motivates cub scouts during a tug-of-war. A dozen Sailors from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai created an obstacle course to support Cub Scouts from the Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Chapter, Kauai, during their annual Cub Scout Day Camp at CJM Stables.



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Anderson Bomjardim

(Above) Chief Navy Diver Jason Shafer, (left), and Navy Diver 2nd Class James Maxey, both assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) One, prepare for an underwater dive during a Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) recovery mission. Both JPAC and MDSU-1 are deployed off the north central coast of Vietnam searching for evidence of Americans that remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. The mission of JPAC is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Christopher K. Hwang

Lt. Cmdr. Doug Wyman and his sponsored tiger cruise participant view the Battleship Missouri Memorial from the flight deck during a tiger cruise aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). Carl Vinson and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 recently completed a deployment to the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.



Photo by C. Kurt Holter

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead presents the FY 2010 CNO Environmental Award to Cmdr. Eileen D'Andrea of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii Public Works Department at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Steven Christiansen of NAVFAC Hawaii Environmental Services Branch. The ceremony was held June 7 at the Naval Heritage Center in Washington, D.C. The annual program recognizes exceptional environmental stewardship by Navy ships, installations and people. Twenty-seven winners were selected for their exceptional environmental stewardship in 10 award categories. Roughead recognized the winners for their achievements regarding environmental protection on shore and at sea - including environmental restoration, waste management, energy efficiency, environmental planning, natural resources conservation, and cultural resources management.



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Recovery Leader Richard Wills, an underwater anthropologist assigned to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), examines excavated material during a recovery mission off the north central coast of Vietnam. Three recovery teams are searching at burial and underwater sites for 13 Americans that remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.



Lt. John Casilio (far left) and Alan Sugihara (far right) from Fleet Industrial and Supply Center (FISC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam meet with U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka from Hawaii following an award ceremony June 7 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. FISC was a recipient of the CNO Environmental Sustainability Team Award.

Photo courtesy of office of Sen. Daniel Akaka

Joint base personnel help research dengue threat

Story and photos by
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Contributing Writer

When a possible dengue threat hit Hawaii earlier this year, personnel from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam contributed their expertise to help, given the potential impacts.

"Dengue fever can be a debilitating mosquito-borne disease," said Lt. Dustin Harrison, a Navy microbiologist. "Although not often fatal, it causes severe headaches, muscle, eye and joint pain."

But he explained when multiple forms of the dengue virus are introduced into an area, there is an increased risk for an even more serious form called dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF). "Because Hawaii has mosquitoes that are capable of efficiently transmitting the virus and there is no specific treatment for infection, it is important to quickly identify and respond to any potential outbreak as soon as possible," Harrison said.

Navy medicine experts teamed up to assist the state of Hawaii after reports of dengue fever in the islands in February.

Back then, the state Department of Health confirmed four cases of dengue fever on Oahu.

These initial cases were reported to have no history of travel to a dengue endemic area and were localized to a single neighborhood in Pearl City, a short distance from the U.S. Marine Corps Manana housing area.

Since February, Navy professionals have been assisting with the outbreak by providing informational pamphlets to Manana housing residents, educating the public on ways to control mosquitoes around their homes, and conducting mosquito trapping and dengue testing.

"Prevention is the key to reducing mosquito bites," said Lt. Ian Sutherland, an entomologist. "Eliminating sites where mosquito larvae can grow is the single most effective step."

Residents can help reduce the risk by removing debris which could accumulate in water, including discarded bottles, cups and cans. Things like potted plants and open containers, such as garbage cans that are missing their lids, can quickly fill with water and become "mosquito factories," Sutherland said.

"Nearly anything that can hold water for five days can serve as a source of mosquitoes. Inspect and repair window and door

screens to keep mosquitoes from entering homes. Wearing lighter colored, long-sleeved clothing as well as personal insect repellent containing DEET can also be effective at reducing the risk of mosquito bites," he added.

Both Sailors agree that if one suspects a dengue infection to call a physician or medical care provider.

Of the almost 100 suspected cases of dengue fever, 42 have tested negative with the rest awaiting testing, which is being done by the joint Navy lab, the Hawaii State Labs and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The samples have been collected from all over Oahu.

Navy health care teams have collected and identified 1,905 *Aedes albopictus* females (the vector for dengue virus in Hawaii) from three sites set up by the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU-6) Entomology Department and one site set up by the state of Hawaii. The mosquitoes are being analyzed using a proto-type dipstick test for dengue virus that is being field tested and evaluated in conjunction with Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

This type of testing is only one of the many things that the JBPBH units are involved in. Navy researchers in the Pacific conduct research on infectious disease agents throughout the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Anything that can adversely affect the mission — including diarrhea, malaria, dengue fever, leptospirosis, influenza, to name a few — is the focus of their research.

"Our goal is force health protection, protecting warfighters from disease so they can complete their missions," Harrison said.

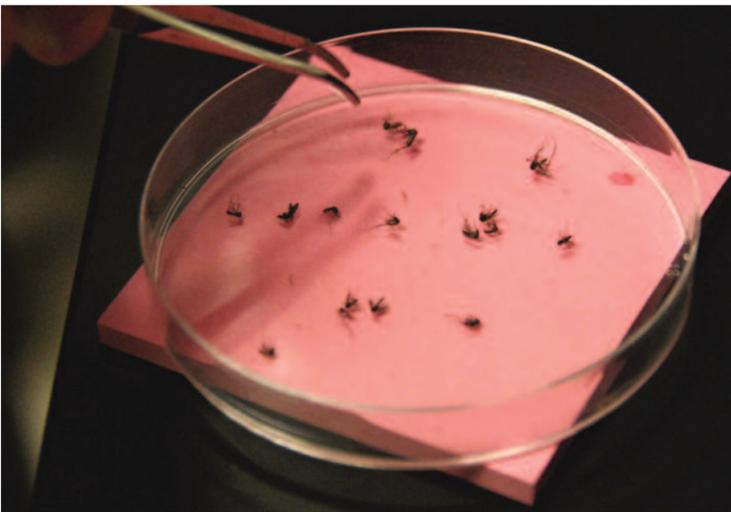
"NEPMU-6 maximizes combat readiness of operational forces for the entire Pacific region by providing specialized environmental and preventive medicine support," Sutherland said. "Our team consists of public health professionals, including medical entomologists, industrial hygienists, environmental health officers, physicians, and microbiologists."

NEPMU-6 oversees prevention and control strategies against insect-borne diseases, water-quality problems, and any other conditions threatening the health of Pacific Sailors and Marines.

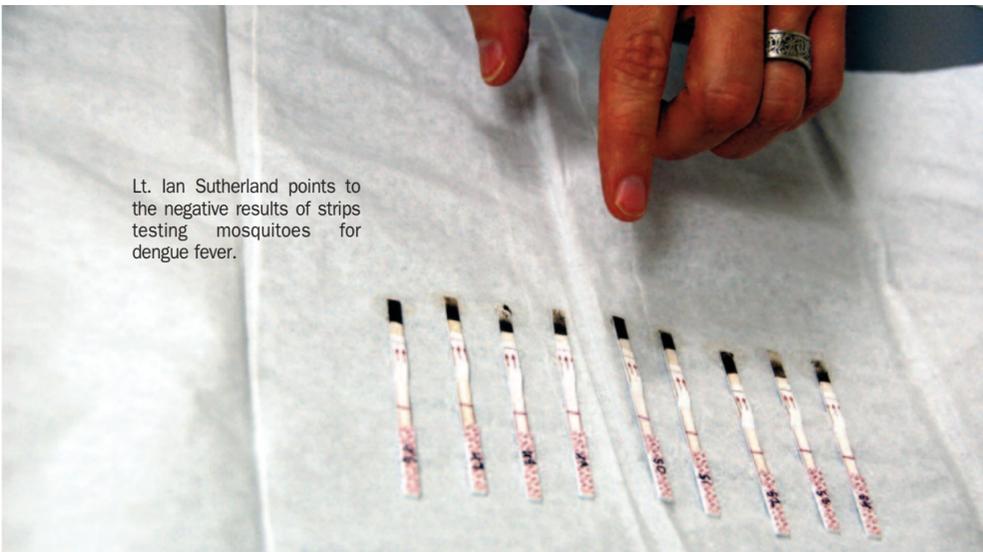
"We are the Pacific region's front line preventive health specialists," Sutherland said.



(Above) Lt. Dustin Harrison, NAMRU-2 Pacific microbiologist, watched by Lt. Ian Sutherland, NEMPU-6 entomologist, prepares a sample for molecular analysis. The tests may take between two to four hours to determine if mosquitoes are carrying the dengue virus. Navy medicine experts teamed up to assist the state of Hawaii with an outbreak of dengue fever that hit the islands.



(Left) Lt. Ian Sutherland is about to select a mosquito to start the process of molecular analysis for dengue fever.



Lt. Ian Sutherland points to the negative results of strips testing mosquitoes for dengue fever.

Aboard the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)



Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Daniel Degala from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Three Seven "Easy Riders" (HSL-37) Detachment 4, secures tie down chains to a SH-60B Seahawk helicopter aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) during its western Pacific deployment.



(Above) Members of the fire party simulate the application of a pipe patch during a damage control drill aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). Chung-Hoon and its crew of 260 Sailors are underway for an independent deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.



(Below) Maintainers from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Three Seven "Easy Riders" (HSL-37) Detachment 4, prepare to launch a SH-60B Seahawk helicopter on the flight deck of the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

U.S. Navy photos by MC1(SW) Jason Swink

DUI simulator demonstrates consequences of driving while impaired, texting while driving

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How many things could one buy with \$15,000? A car, a trip to a foreign country, or even 30 second-generation iPads.

For someone caught drinking and driving, their money will be spent on the DUI and all of its related expenses.

"The legal and financial ramifications of a DUI are enormous," said Storn Olson, driving awareness instructor. "It's something people need to be aware of."

Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored a DUI simulator demonstration held June 8 and 9 at the Fitness and Wellness fair, as well as outside the Beeman Center. The simulator allowed anyone of legal driving age to experience the effects of just a few drinks on driving skills and responding to emergency situations. There was also an option for texting while driving, another danger for motorists, according to Olson.

More than 100 people experienced the DUI simulator on its first appearance at the fitness and wellness fair, with a mixture of Air Force and Navy personnel as well as civilians. There were more than 30 cadets the next day as well.

"I'm always happy when I get to see it's affected someone," said Olson. "A fellow who tried it today said as soon as he hopped out that he was never drinking and driving."



A driver experiences the DUI simulator on its first appearance at the fitness and wellness fair at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam June 8. The simulator consisted of a real working car with the battery disconnected and the steering wheel and pedals connected to an optical sensor. Drivers used virtual reality and could check their virtual alcohol level.

The DUI simulator was a complex operation. It was a real working car with the battery disconnected. The steering wheel and pedals were connected to an optical sensor (think a computer mouse), which then relayed the information into the computer that ran the simulation.

Drivers piloted their course through virtual reality, shown through a pair of goggles, and used the wheel and pedals as normal. Through the pro-

gram, Olson can add a virtual alcohol level.

"I usually put the virtual alcohol at 0.081, which is just above the legal limit," said Olson. "This demonstrates how just a few drinks can impair your driving."

After traveling all across the U.S., this is both Olson's first stop in Hawaii, as well as his first military base. Olson's usual crowd consists of high school and college students. According to Olson, no one ever taught

the dangers of drinking and driving to him at school, and that's why he is working to try to educate people. He was pretty impressed by what he saw while at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"A lot of the guys on base that I talked to seem to have a network of designated drivers rotating throughout the week," said Olson with a grin. "I told them they better start buying them dinner."

As for texting and driving, he warns against the dangers of that. Although he touts the simulator as sort of a "square event," most people understand what he is trying to do and don't give him a hassle. Even the believers in the dangers of drinking and driving wanted to give it a try.

"It was interesting, but I'm already discouraged from drinking and driving," said Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Gabriel Sanchez, "I love cars too much to crash them."

Sanchez attempted the simulations of both drinking and driving as well as texting and driving. Both ended in a loud screeching sound and possibly hitting a (virtual) pedestrian.

Olson felt as though he may have helped some people think twice the next time they consider drinking and driving, and doesn't condemn those who may have already experienced a DUI.

"Sometimes alright people make horribly bad decisions," said Olson, "But you have to be responsible for your own actions."

JPAC search for missing Americans from World War II

Joint POW/MIA
Accounting Command

Several archeological recovery teams and investigation teams from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently deployed to the Federated States of Micronesia (Yap), Wake Island, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of Belgium, searching for Americans missing from World War II.

About 50 JPAC team members deployed to search for Americans that are missing from World War II. Recovery teams will search for human remains, life support items, and other material evidence (personal and military issued items) that may lead to the identification of Americans missing from past U.S. conflicts.

Investigation teams will authenticate leads from eyewitnesses, conduct field research, and gather information throughout the various locations to determine whether or not there will be a return visit for excavation at a later date.

The Federated States of Micronesia (Yap): The cooperation between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia on accounting for Americans missing from World War II expanded with the arrival of a specially trained U.S. investigative team.

"The people of Yap are excited to support JPAC," said Tammy Weese, JPAC policy and negotiations officer. "Everyone I've spoken with has given their strongest support to our investigation mission and wants it to be a success."

During the month-long investigation, team members will interview eyewitnesses and families of eyewitnesses for clues to the location of aircraft crash sites and isolated burials for up to 30 American servicemen. The team will also conduct site surveys in order to gather enough evidence to determine if there is any correlation to the World War II-era aircraft losses.

These investigations will help set the groundwork for future recovery teams by clearly defining the work that will be required to properly and efficiently recover the site.

•Federal Republic of Germany and Kingdom of Belgium: More than 40 JPAC recovery team members will excavate three aircraft crash sites in search of six missing Americans during the approximately 45-day deployment.

•Wake Island: A recovery team deployed to the island to conduct recovery operations at a possible mass grave location.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, JPAC is a jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists that has investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970's. More than 83,000 individuals are missing dating back to World War II.

The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation's past conflicts.

NMCRS Pearl Harbor wraps up annual fund drive, raises \$516,349

Funds raised tops last year

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, honorary chair of the Pearl Harbor office of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) and commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presented awards and certificates to area coordinators and command keypersons who played a role in making this year's Pearl Harbor NMCRS Annual Fund Drive an outstanding success.

Navy Region Hawaii commands raised \$516,349 this year, surpassing last year's drive by almost \$22,000. Smith commended and thanked all who were involved in leading this year's drive, including Lt. j.g. James Robinson, who served as fund drive coordinator, and Senior Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Robert Diaz, who served as assistant fund drive coordinator.

The admiral pointed out that Pearl Harbor has ranked third highest worldwide over the past five years in NMCRS fund drive receipts, even when compared to significantly larger command areas.

Paul Belanger, director

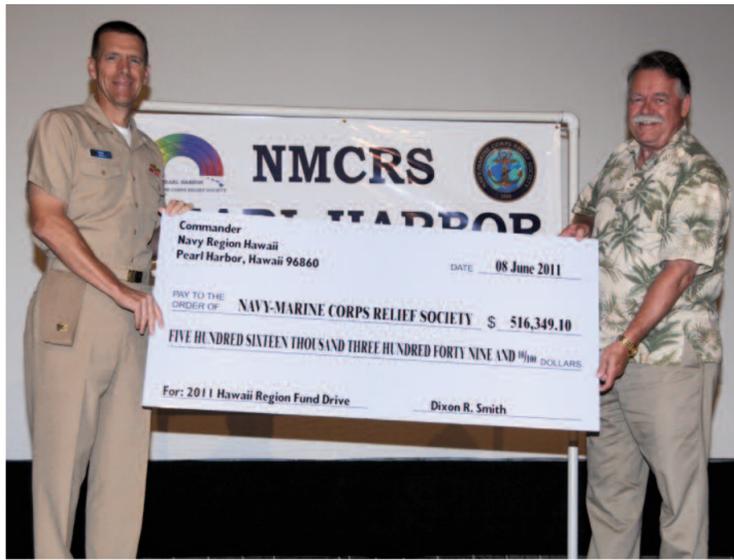
of NMCRS Pearl Harbor, said "NMCRS Pearl Harbor has consistently received outstanding support during its annual fund drives and continues to rank among the highest area contributions to the society. These contributions allow us to provide support to our Sailors and Marines in time of need and support the society's adage that Sailors and Marines take care of their own."

USS Reuben James (FFG 57) was recognized with the highest contributions award, team spirit award and highest per capita award for surface commands.

Highest contributions awards were also presented to the USS Bremerton (SSN 698), Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Navy Information Operations Command.

Team spirit awards were presented to the USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Reuben James (FFG 57), USS Bremerton (SSN 698), USS Tucson (SSN 770), Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

Additional fund drive awards information is available on the NMCRS Pearl Harbor website at www.pixi.com/~nmcrshi.



Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, honorary chair of the Pearl Harbor office of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) and commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presents Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS Pearl Harbor, with a check for more than \$516 thousand. The check identified contributions made by Pearl Harbor employees as among the highest area contributions to the society for Sailors and Marines in time of need.

U.S. Navy photo by DC Smith

Busy Pearl Harbor

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"We train, equip, refuel and support the fleet, as well as visiting ships and partners, in order to help them meet their responsibilities," Smith added. "They know they are welcomed, with aloha, here in Hawaii."

Among the other visitors here is Military Sealift Command Pacific's USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187), lead ship in the T-AO class of underway replenishment oilers. The ship is named after a pioneer in the shipbuilding industry with strong ties to Hawaii. Henry J. Kaiser (1882-1967) built the Hilton Hawaiian Village and the Hawaii Kai area of Honolulu, home to Henry J. Kaiser High School.

The Military Sealift Command Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Charles Drew (T-AKE-10) is named after an African-American pioneer in blood storage and management. In July the ship will celebrate one year of service.

According to Cmdr. Colin Caswell, joint base operations officer, "We are busy, yes, but we always keep safety and security as top priorities. It's a privilege to take care of these ships and their crews."

Other visitors last week included USS Gridley (DDG 101), USS Stockdale (DDG 106) and USS Bunker Hill (CG 52). Many of the 11 homeported ships and 18 submarines of Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet are also in port.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Hawaii's largest industrial employer, takes care of the maintenance of the fleet and keeps ships and submarines "fit to fight." Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific conducts training routinely,

including sometimes realistic training in the harbor. Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One divers and other authorized divers operate in and around Pearl Harbor.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam also supports U.S. Coast Guard vessels, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and various research ships. Each year, approximately 1.4 million visitors take Navy-operated, renewable energy-fueled boats from the National Park Service's Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to visit the USS Arizona Memorial.

The busy tempo in Pearl Harbor, coupled with the nine maritime patrol aircraft and 10 helicopters operating out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe, translates to a significant boost to the local economy. Sailors, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, families and visiting family members and friends are eager to see the islands, sample the hospitality and learn about the culture of Hawaii.

According to a Rand study announced June 1, Department of Defense expenditures in Hawaii, in general, account for 18 percent of Hawaii's gross domestic product.

In a published press release, Rand reported, "DoD expenditures in Hawaii during FY 2007-2009 averaged \$6.5 billion per year in 2009 dollars - \$4.1 billion for personnel and \$2.4 billion for procurement. These expenditures were associated with \$12.2 billion worth of Hawaii's output - 18 percent of Hawaii's 2009 GDP - and 101,000 jobs."

<http://bit.ly/mMPYAK>. Hawaii, strategically located in the middle of the Pacific, plays a key role in the Navy's maritime strategy in deterring aggression, preventing war and promoting peace.

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