

James relieves Kitchens as JBPHH commander

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Capt. Jeffrey James relieved Capt. Richard Kitchen as the commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) during the first change of command ceremony as a joint base, held June 3 at Kilo Pier at JBPHH.

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was the guest speaker and offered remarks to those in attendance.

"Having served with Capt. Rick Kitchens the past two-and-a-half years, I am continually impressed with his accomplishments," said Smith. "On May 4, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was recognized for being the Navy's top installation. This is the type of effort that Capt. Kitchens



Capt. Jeffrey James, incoming Commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), departs from the change of command ceremony. James relieved outgoing commander, Capt. Richard Kitchens, during a ceremony at Kilo Pier across from historic Ford Island.

and his team put in on a daily basis. Your legacy that you have built is very impressive, and I know that you will continue to serve our Navy and our country well for many years to come," Smith said.

Smith also welcomed James as commander of JBPHH.

"I'm confident that you will continue to build on your legacy of excellence, and I'm even more confident that you are up to the challenge," Smith said.

During the ceremony, Kitchens also offered remarks to the audience.

"It has been my pride and joy to be the commander of this base. There is no other base like this," Kitchens said. "There is so much history, so much involvement with the community and so many opportunities to positively affect people's lives. I'm deeply appreciative for all the commands and com-

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USS Carl Vinson visits Pearl Harbor after six-month deployment

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USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)

PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) - Sailors of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17

arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled port visit June 7.

Vinson is currently transiting to her homeport in San Diego following a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility, supporting maritime theater security operations in the U.S. 7th and U.S. 5th Fleets. Vinson left San Diego on Nov. 30, 2010.

Throughout the deployment, CSG 1 completed the following:

- CVW-17 flew 6,366 sorties,

logging a total of 17,772 hours of flight time.

- Conducted exercises with coalition countries and other nations, including the Republic of Korea, Japan, Singapore, Britain, France and Australia.

- Vinson and Bunker Hill conducted port visits and conducted community service projects in the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Republic of Philippines and Hong Kong. Gridley visited Jinhae, Singapore, Tomakomai, Sasebo, Okinawa, Phuket,

Manila, and Hong Kong.

- Earned a Navy Community Service Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship Award.

- Hosted numerous distinguished visitors including the president of the Republic of Philippines Benigno Aquino III, Commander Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Vice Adm. Allen G. Myers and Navy Chief of Chaplains Rear Adm. Mark Tidd.

- Hosted the 2011 NFL Super Bowl Champion Green Bay Packers.

Since the Nov. 30, 2010 departure, Vinson spent 171 of the deployment's 191 days at sea.

Vinson sailed over 52,340 nautical miles.

From Feb. 6 to May 1, CVW-17 spent 87 days, executing 1,515 sorties supporting combat operations, deploying 17,000 lbs. of ordnance and 2,900 rounds of 20mm ammunition in direct support of coalition forces for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

CSG 1 successfully responded to two maritime

piracy attempts on civilian mariners.

USS Carl Vinson serves as the flagship for Carrier Strike Group One (CSG 1), led by Rear Adm. Samuel Perez, which also consists of Destroyer Squadron 1 guided-missile destroyers USS Stockdale (DDG 101) and USS Gridley (DDG 106), the guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) and CVW-17.

The air wing squadrons of Carrier Air Wing 17 include the "Sunliners" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 81, the "Stingers" of VFA-113, the "Redcocks" of VFA-22, the "Fists of the Fleet" of VFA-25, the "Garudas" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 134, the "Tiger Tails" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 125, the "Rawhides" of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 40 and the "Red Lions" of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS) 15.

(See more photos on A5)



U.S. Navy photo by DC Smith
Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled port visit. Vinson is currently transiting back to its homeport in San Diego following a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility.

Col. Braden Sakai assumes command of 154th Wing Hawaii Air National Guard

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Col. Braden "Mongo" Sakai assumed command of the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard, during a ceremony held June 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Sakai was named as the new 154th Wing commander after Brig. Gen. Kim was selected by Gov. Neil Abercrombie to be the Hawaii National Guard's deputy adjutant general. The ceremony took place in the hangar where many of its fighter aircraft are maintained.

The 154th Wing's mission is quality air power, at home and deployed. At nearly 1,900 full- and part-time airmen, it is the largest of the Hawaii Air National Guard organizations, and is one of the largest wings in the entire Air National Guard.

It consists of a headquarters element and operations, maintenance, support

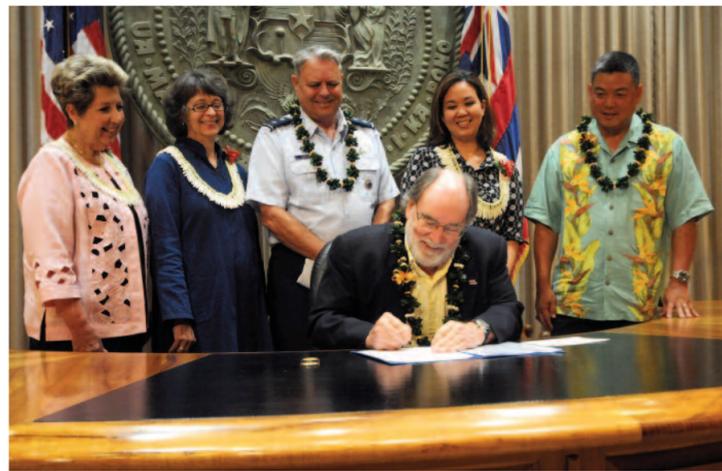


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Col Braden "Mongo" Sakai, 154th Wing commander.

and medical groups. The 154th flies and maintains F-22 Raptors, KC-135 Stratotankers and C-17

Globemaster III aircraft. The wing is also responsible for the surveillance and protection of Hawaii's airspace.

Gov. Abercrombie signs education bill to help military children in Hawaii



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Dustin Sisco

Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie signs House Bill 4, reauthorizing Hawaii's participation in the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission into law. He is joined by (left to right): Pat Park, Central District Complex area superintendent representing the Hawaii Department of Education; Brig. Gen. (ret.) Kathy Berg, co-chair of the Joint Venture Education Forum Communications Group and Hawaii State Commissioner; Maj. Gen. Peter Pawling, representing Adm. Robert Willard, commander of U.S. Pacific Command; Hawaii Sen. Jill Tokuda; and Hawaii Rep. Mark Takai, who sponsored the bill.

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Education for military children in Hawaii took

another giant step forward when Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie signed House Bill 4 (HB4), an education bill created to help military children, into law during a

ceremony June 3 in the governor's executive chambers.

The bill, introduced by

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Battle of Midway commemorated as Pacific WWII turning point

Story and photo by
Don Robbins

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Commander, Navy Region Hawaii commemorated the 69th anniversary of the crucial World War II Battle of Midway with a harbor tour and solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the Arizona Memorial on June 3. Significantly, this year's ceremony also coincides with the centennial of naval aviation.

Capt. Lawrence Hill, deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, served as master of ceremonies, while Gary Jackson of the National Park Service also assisted with narration during the historical boat tour.

"As a representative of the hundreds of shipyard workers in 1942 who helped make USS Yorktown 'fit to fight' and win at Midway — and representing the many thousands of men and women who have served at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in the years since, I am honored to serve as your MC for today's ceremony as we commemorate the 69th anniversary of the Battle of Midway," Hill said.

In memory of the historic U.S. naval victory at Midway, Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai, and Col. Dann Carlson, deputy joint base commander for JBPHH and commander of 647th Air Base Group, presented wreaths.

As Mongillo and Carlson walked to offer the wreaths aboard the Arizona Memorial, Hill said, "These wreaths — and wreaths being presented around the world — are in honor of our Midway veterans. We pause to remember and



Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility; Chaplain Lt. Steven Voris, from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and Col. Dann Carlson, deputy joint base commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; stand at parade rest during the 69th anniversary commemoration of Battle of Midway. Navy Region Hawaii celebrated the Battle of Midway with a ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial.

honor the spirit of the Midway victory in our Navy and our nation. We also pause to honor all those who have served and are serving with honor, courage and commitment."

Musician 2nd Class Bryan Parmann, Navy bugler, played Taps in memory of veterans during the ceremony on the Arizona Memorial.

Chaplain Lt. Steven Voris from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam delivered the invocation.

Voris stressed that war is always tragic and he looks forward to a day when there will no longer be a need for it. He said, "We pledge never to forget the sacrifices made to ensure our freedom."

Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, emphasized in his

remarks that the Battle of Midway served as a turning point, perhaps the major one, in World War II.

"What makes this commemoration so special, compared with the dozens of related ceremonies held across the nation this week, is that we are here at Pearl Harbor where the war in the Pacific started," Smith explained.

Cmdr. Joe Rochefort and his team at Pacific Fleet's Combat Intelligence Unit, Station Hypo, cracked the code, identified Midway as the target, and fooled the enemy.

Adm. Chester Nimitz had unimpeachable intelligence, exceptional ships and aviators, United States Marines and Army bombers, and superior leadership, Smith noted.

"In this centennial year of naval aviation, we remember that the Battle

of Midway demonstrates our Navy's flexibility and forward presence in a decisive victory," Smith said.

"We salute the warriors of the Battle of Midway of 1942. They helped us win the peace we preserve in 2011," Smith said.

"The Battle of Midway changed, not just the outcome of World War II, but also the nature of war itself. On Dec. 7 our big battleships were destroyed by Imperial Japan. Six months later at Midway, it was clear that aircraft carriers and aviation were the future, and would be key to our Navy's maritime strategy," emphasized Mongillo.

"Today, we remember a lesson of Midway — to embrace change and innovation. That's especially important in this centennial of naval aviation and as we face challenges, work to prevent war, and respond

to threats. We must be flexible, adaptable and willing to innovate," he added.

A Pearl Harbor survivor, Army veteran Allen Bodenlos, attended the 69th anniversary commemoration. He recalled that after the war, he met a Japanese woman who wanted to hug him and expressed sorrow, asking him to forgive her country. Bodenlos said he told her, "I had forgiven her country many years ago, and now we are friends."

As explained in a historical account from commander Navy Region Hawaii, the Battle of Midway was fought above and near the tiny U.S. mid-Pacific base at Midway Atoll. It was planned as the strategic high water mark of Imperial Japan's Pacific Ocean war. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor and subsequent actions in

Southeast Asia and the Philippines, Japanese Combined Fleet commander Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto moved on Midway in an effort to draw out and destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet's aircraft carrier striking forces.

Superior American communications intelligence gathered by Station Hypo located at building one at what is now Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam thwarted Yamamoto's intended surprise. Station Hypo deduced his scheme well before combatants joined the battle.

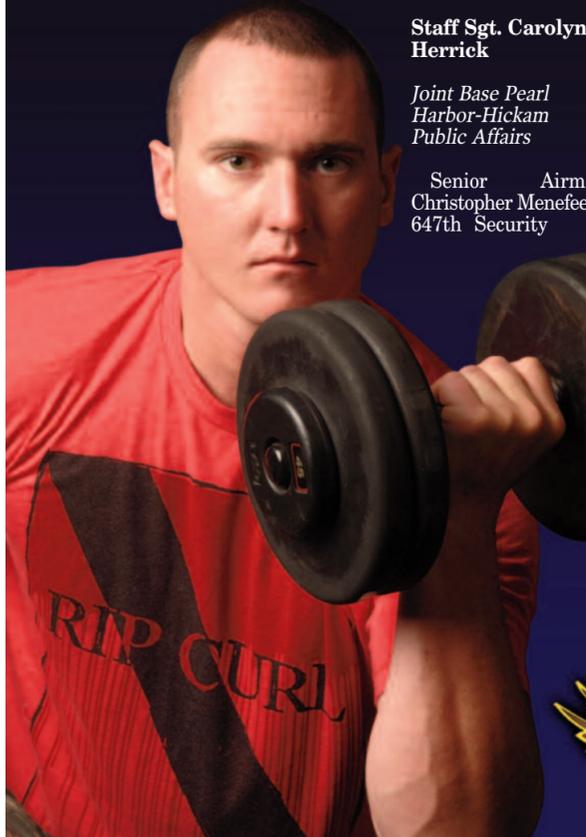
This allowed Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, the U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, to establish an ambush by having his carriers ready and waiting for the Japanese.

One of the three American carriers at the Battle of Midway was USS Yorktown. Severely damaged during the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 8, she was only available at Midway due to the efforts of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

The actual sighting of the Japanese on June 3, heading for Midway, vindicated Nimitz's trust in the intelligence information he possessed, information that had been vital to the formulation of his strategy. On June 4, 1942, in the second of the Pacific War's great carrier battles, the trap was sprung.

The battle cost Japan four irreplaceable fleet carriers, while only one of the three U.S. carriers present was lost. After Midway, the two opposing fleets were essentially equals, and the base at Midway, though damaged, remained operational, later a vital component in the coming American trans-Pacific offensive.

SrA Menefee looks forward to AMC Rodeo competition



Staff Sgt. Carolyn Herrick

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Senior Airman Christopher Menefee, a 647th Security

Forces Squadron fire team member, is not only this week's Hickam Warrior but also an elite member of the team chosen for the 2011 Air Mobility Command Rodeo.

The AMC Rodeo is a biennial, international airlift competition. The competition tests the flight and ground skills of security forces, aerial port operations, aeromedical evacuation and maintenance team members.

"Airman Menefee is a dedicated professional full of potential who was absolutely the right addition to the security

forces team for AMC Rodeo," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Skonetski, Menefee's supervisor. "His vast experience in his short time in the Air Force is impressive and serves to motivate his peers. Airman Menefee deserves this chance to represent the (unit), and it is a privilege to see our junior enlisted members so motivated."

Menefee, a native of Cedar Springs, Mich., said he was surprised when he first learned he was chosen to be part of the rodeo.

"I did not know what the AMC Rodeo was, but once I was briefed I was very grateful that I get a chance to be part of a team that represents the squadron and Hickam to the rest of the Air

Force," he said. The thing he loves most about being stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii is enjoying the year-round good weather, he said. He has been here for two-and-a-half years.

His hobbies include participating in the squadron softball team, hanging out with friends, watching movies and being as physically active as possible.

On the job, his responsibilities consist of enforcing and reporting violations of federal and state statutes and traffic ordinances, base ordinances, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"I am also responsible for providing security to the base population and protecting

multi-million dollar Defense Department assets and resources," Menefee explained. "I also have to be ready to deploy anywhere in the world at a moment's notice."

In that capacity, he has deployed twice in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn during the three short years he has been in the Air Force.

He said he looks forward to his upcoming trip to the rodeo. "The part of the rodeo I look forward most to is the competition from other teams that we will be competing against. I get to take the training and experience that I have received from my time in the military and compare it to the rest of the Air Force," he said.



SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTOPHER MENEFEE

Practice sound decision making when faced with tough choices

FLTCM John Minyard
U.S. Pacific Fleet

Hello again, shipmates! I have a brand new topic to talk about this month. Before I get started, I wanted to say I hope you all had a great Memorial Day weekend and were able to spend some quality time with your friends and families. It should have been a time to reflect on those who went before us and gave the ultimate sacrifice to our nation. It's been a busy year in the Pacific, and we've all earned the right to a little fun and relaxation. Isn't that what summer's all about, a chance to kick back, soak up some sun, and have a good time with your friends?

That's right, shipmates, you've earned the right to enjoy yourself and unwind a

little when the opportunity presents itself, right up to the point where you forget who you are and what you are doing, to the point where you quit making sound decisions and do something that you just might regret later.

Sound decision-making: let's talk about that for a minute. Every day we are faced with choices. Some of them are simple like what to have for lunch. Others are more serious and can have long-term impact on our lives. In a perfect world, the decisions that could harm us or change the course of our life would be easy to spot, but not all of life's decisions are as easy as avoiding a dark alley in a bad part of town. All too often the decisions that end up hurting us are the ones that appear harmless, or that we've

made before without anything bad happening.

So what are these hard-to-spot decisions I'm talking about? Well, they can be as simple as deciding what to do on a Friday night. Let's say you plan on going out to dinner and then clubbing with a group of people from your command. Your best friend has to work late and won't be able to join you but, no problem, you've gone out with the group before and always had a good time. Besides, you're not planning to stay out past midnight and you can hang out with your friend tomorrow.

About halfway through the night, a couple people from your group ask if you want to go outside and smoke some Spice. You have heard that some of them smoked Spice before, but that wasn't your business. Even though you've had a few drinks, you decide there's no way you're going to risk your career and

decline. A couple hours later, you realize you've drunk more than you intended and the room is starting to spin a little. When the bar finally closes, one of the guys that's been talking to you and buying you drinks all night offers to let you crash at his place so you don't have to stumble your way across the quarterdeck, and you accept... bad decision?

This scenario may not apply to some of you, but situations like it happen regularly in our Navy. Many of them end with no serious consequences, many, but not all. Our shipmate in this scenario started out making sound decisions, including having a liberty buddy and a plan, but didn't take all of the events into account as the evening wore on. Although she dodged one bullet to her career, she ended up putting herself in a situation that could potentially be worse. Could this situation have

been avoided with better planning and decision making? I believe so.

Now, most of us didn't get to adulthood without making a few decisions along the way. From the time we're old enough to understand, we are taught right from wrong. It begins with simple lessons like looking both ways before crossing the street, learning not to take something that doesn't belong to you or borrow it without asking permission. When we're young, most of our decisions are made for us, but as we grow older we begin to make decisions for ourselves. As teenagers, we face choices about whether to stay out past curfew or take our first drink of alcohol, and the decisions are more complicated as we get older. In the end, though, it always comes down to deciding what's right and wrong, weighing the gains against the risks.

Now, we are all human and, as a result, we are

prone to making mistakes, but there is a clear difference between making a mistake and making a conscious decision to ignore what you know is right. Anyone can misread the instructions on how to perform maintenance on a watertight door, but it takes a conscious decision to gun-deck the check and sign off on the log as complete. Anyone can misinterpret signals from a member of the opposite sex, but it requires a choice to ignore the rules on fraternization or engage in a sexual assault.

It's the decisions we make that define us, not just who we are, but who we want to be. So before you make one, even one that appears relatively simple, consider all the options and consequences before making a sound decision. You'll be glad you did.

Until next time shipmates, thanks for all you do.

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What are you doing to prepare for hurricane season?



Sonar Technician Surface 2nd Class (SW) Stefanie Price

"I'm stocking up on goods and stuff."

Quartermaster 2nd Class (SW) Darrell Claybrooke



"My family and I are getting extra water and non-perishable foods, just in case."



Damage Controlman Fireman (SW) Ross William

"I'm getting ready to run to the other side of the island as fast as possible. I'll plan the fastest route I can to the other side to be away from the hurricane."

(Provided by MC2 Mark Logico)

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Hickam Field named for air-power pioneer

U.S. Air Force photo Maj. Horace M. Hickam at Bolling Field air tournament with an SE-5 in background, May 1920. After his death, Hickam Field in Hawaii was named for him. In 1935, a board of officers met in Washington, D.C. and recommended that the new Army Air Corps station to be constructed in the Territory of Hawaii be named in honor of Lt. Col. Horace M. Hickam. This was a tribute to the West Pointer who began his career in the cavalry, then transferred to the Army Air Service and became a pioneer advocate of air power.



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USS Chung-Hoon renders honors to the fallen near Midway Atoll



The Chung-Hoon's honor guard fired a 21-gun salute followed by the playing of Taps to remember those who lost their lives 69 years ago in the waters near Midway Atoll.

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USS CHUNG-HOON, Pacific Ocean (NNS) – The crew of the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) rendered honors to the fallen in the Battle of Midway during a ceremony June 3 while underway for their western Pacific deployment. The ceremony, held in the waters near Midway Atoll, commemorated the decisive victory over the Imperial Japanese Navy in the three-day battle June 4-7, 1942.

“Today we are here to remember those Sailors whose gallantry and unshakeable determination decisively won the day against a superior foe,” said Cmdr. Scott Erb, commanding officer. “Countless Sailors performed feats that seem impossible today.”

Regarded as the turning point of fighting in the Pacific during World War II, U.S. Navy carrier strike forces, in conjunction with shore-based bombers and torpedo planes, defeated the numerically

superior Japanese fleet.

“Our victory was not without cost,” said Erb. “An aircraft carrier, a destroyer and 145 planes lay on the ocean floor, and 307 of our shipmates with them.”

During the battle, the Japanese lost four aircraft carriers, a heavy cruiser, three destroyers and 256 planes. The defeat delayed the Japanese plans for assaults on Samoa, New Caledonia and Fiji.

“The ceremony means a lot to the crew, it helps the Sailors recognize our history,” said Command Master Chief Chris Detje. “It opens their eyes to the realization that this is how we got here. If it wasn't for the great men and women who came before us, and did wonderful and amazing things during World War II, we wouldn't be here today.”

Adm. Yamamoto's battle plans for an intended surprise attack on Midway Atoll was thwarted by Navy cryptologists working out of the basement of building one at Pearl Harbor. This information allowed Adm. Chester Nimitz to strategically position Navy fleets to destroy the Japanese carriers.

Facing Japan's 11 battleships and four aircraft carriers, the U.S. Navy fought with no battleships and just three aircraft carriers including the USS Yorktown. The Yorktown was badly damaged in the Battle of Coral Sea and only made available through remarkable repair efforts at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

“We fought in these epic battles, against foes we could never beat, with odds that were insurmountable,” said Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Lauren Boulay after the ceremony. “These Sailors fought and did whatever they could to win. It makes me want to be a better Sailor.”

By the evening of June 7, 1942, with the crippled Imperial Japanese Navy in retreat, the need for carrier aviation power became a prominent security necessity to defending American interest as a maritime nation.

“As time marches forward, these Sailors, a part of what we call the ‘Greatest Generation,’ are rapidly leaving us,” said Erb. “They leave behind a legacy of honor, courage and commitment. We must strive to uphold their legacy.”

Scattering of ashes service at USS Utah Memorial honors USS Raleigh survivor

**Story and photo by
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Pearl Harbor survivor Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Leonard Dee Rose, who died suddenly on April 8, was laid to rest during a private memorial service aboard the USS Utah on Ford Island on June 1.

The family of Rose returned to Hawaii to return his ashes to the former site of the USS Raleigh, where he was when the Dec. 7, 1941 attack took place, and to pay their respects to the Sailor who proudly served his country on the infamous day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and throughout World War II.

Married for 56 years, Rose's widow Shirley shared her feelings on the importance of the Navy, Pearl Harbor and about her husband being laid to rest with his shipmates.

“He didn't talk about a funeral, but I had. I knew it was important to him to come back to Pearl Harbor and luckily he agreed,” said Rose.

The trip took a bit of planning and with the help of Shirley's son-in-law Drew Johnston and retired Master Chief Jim Taylor, Navy Region Hawaii Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, Shirley, with her children and grandchildren by her side, said their goodbyes. Shirley shared a bit of relief and hopes for herself and her family.

“I'm hoping it will be a closure,” she said. “Despite



A U.S. Navy ceremonial guard member presents an American flag to Shirley Rose, widow of Pearl Harbor survivor Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Leonard Rose, during a scattering of ashes service June 1 at the USS Utah Memorial on historic Ford Island.

what happened during the attack, the Navy was a good time in his life, even though it was war.”

Shirley's grandson Rex Lammersdorf agreed on the importance of the Navy played in his grandfather's life and about sharing the historical moment.

“I think it is great. He [Rose] loved the Navy and talked about Pearl Harbor. It shaped him to be the person he was. It is surreal to be here, the stories he told, holy cow! He talked about living on the boats and the mayhem of the attack by the Japanese. You can't imagine it, to fathom what happened and put it into perspective. He was only 18 years old,” said Lammersdorf.

Mike Rose was deeply touched by his father's return to Pearl Harbor and the ceremony honoring his father.

“It was a wonderful ceremony. For us to bring him

here, it was very much like a home to him. The events that happened here left an indelible mark. It makes me very, very proud to be a part of him, to stand here where he was at the time,” said Mike.

“To be with his shipmates is the most fitting thing that could happen. It is hallowed ground. It is an exclamation point on his life,” Mike added.

Leonard did say one of his worst memories of the attack were the sounds of Sailors trapped inside the USS Utah. His ship sent a boat over to the Utah and rescued one Sailor who is still alive today.

Later on in the war, his ship participated at the bombardment of Kiska and Attu Islands. He also served on the cruiser USS Philadelphia and finished his six-year tour in the Navy in 1947 as a first class boatswain's mate on the battleship USS Wisconsin.

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by DC Smith
Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 7 for a scheduled port visit.



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Jason Grower
Lt. Cmdr. Chris Biggs and a World War II veteran observe an aerial demonstration during a recent airshow in Hawaii. Biggs was the pilot of the P-3C Orion from the "Golden Eagles" of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9), on display at the first Big Island Airshow on the island of Hawaii.



U.S. Navy photo by Chris Aguinaldo
Jim Nabors, honorary Marine corporal and naval aviator, poses with Capt. Brian Osgood, commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on June 6. The two were among the guests at longtime Hawaii Pacific University president Chatt G. Wright's retirement dinner at the Pacific Club. HPU's enrollment includes many service members attending military campus programs at Hawaii bases, including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Machinist Mate 1st Class Curtis Popp was a valedictorian at HPU's recent spring graduation.



U.S. Navy photo by Angela Sanders
Federal Fire Department paramedic Robert Ching and Station Captain Ron Akiyama transport an "injured" patient onto a medevac helicopter after a simulated collapsed building exercise at Schofield Barracks, building 356, quad C on June 1.



Photo by MACM Jacob Thomas
Master-at-arms Jerry Manzanares took his re-enlistment to new heights when he re-enlisted at the top of Koko Head, Hawaii Kai. Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam security officer, was the re-enlisting officer.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 James R. Evans
(Above and below) Sailors assigned to the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) man the rails as the ship arrives at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. 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.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Rosa A. Arzola

FFD firefighters dispatch to conduct collapsed building exercise

Story and photo by
Fire Inspector Angela
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Federal Fire Department
Hawaii

The regional dispatch center (RDC) at Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii received a report of a simulated explosion at building 356, quad C, Schofield Barracks on June 1. The simulated explosion was due to possible fire or lightning strike as well as structural support damage. There was also another report of a simulated chemical release from a 150-lb chlorine container.

Federal Fire Department firefighters arrived on scene and immediately established an initial 300-foot perimeter isolation zone and cleared .6 miles (1,056 yd) downwind. Firefighters removed 12 simulated patients from the building.

Patients were "decontaminated" and examined by FFD paramedics and acute care clinic (ACC) first responders. Four out of the 12 patients suffered simulated critical injuries as part of the exercise.

Two "critical" patients



U.S. Navy photo by Albert Balderama
Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii firefighters remove an "injured" patient from a simulated collapse building exercise on Schofield Barracks, building 356, quad C on June 1.

were medevac'd to Queens Hospital via helicopter. The rest of the "patients" were transported by ambulance to Wahiawa Hospital, Tripler Army Medical Center and St. Francis West.

Structural engineers and explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) team members arrived on scene and declared the building safe and cleared to allow for a secondary search. Firefighters from the HAZMAT operations team secured and removed the 150-lb chlorine container, which was part of the drill,

from the building.

During the exercise, the Federal Fire Department provided 30 firefighter personnel with seven fire apparatus, as well as support from EOD, medevac helicopter, military police and acute care clinic. No one was injured during the training.

Exercises such as this help the FFD to keep a high level of competency due to continual training. For more information, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617 or angela.sanders1@navy.mil.

AF welcomes USS Carl Vinson



U.S. Navy photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Herrick
Families and friends of military service members greet the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, from behind the Hickam Officers Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as it pulls into Pearl Harbor on June 7. Vinson is currently transiting to her homeport in San Diego following a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility supporting maritime theater security operations in the U.S. 7th and U.S. 5th Fleets.

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Gov. Abercrombie signs bill to make Hawaii national compact member

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Rep. K. Mark Takai (D-Aiea, Pearl City), formalizes Hawaii's participation in the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3).

Military representatives, educators and children were among those who witnessed the signing of the bill, aimed at providing assistance to military children as they transition into schools in other states and military children who move to Hawaii from other school jurisdictions.

"The first activity I dealt with (as a member of Congress) on the education committee was impact aid. I learned what articulation agreements are. This is probably of no concern to the children here ... and it shouldn't be. That's the point of this legislation," said Abercrombie as he signed the legislation.

The bill makes Hawaii a permanent member of the national compact. Hawaii is one of 39 member states that have enacted the compact since 2008. The goal is for all 50 states and U.S. territories to eventually be part of the compact.

"Our military children, just like our local children, deserve the very best. We work tirelessly to meet the special needs and demands of being a military child," explained Takai, who champions military issues and coordinates the Hawaii State Legislature's Military Appreciation Package.

Takai noted that HB4 removes the lapse date and "will permanently ease the transition for the military children so that they are

afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals."

"The interstate compact strengthens and builds on Hawaii's support to our military community. The compact will ease the challenges created when children are uprooted from school as parents are transferred or are deployed," Takai explained.

Military children are in a unique situation, faced with the stresses of moving and the possible deployment of a parent, but may also suffer academically as they move from school to school. In such situations, they may be faced with having to make up credits, retake classes, etc.

The compact was created to lessen such struggles, covering issues such as kindergarten entrance age, special education services, absences pertaining to parent deployment activities, eligibility for student enrollment, participation in extra-curricular activities, and on-time graduation.

It was developed by the Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts, the Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, the Department of Education for each state, school administrators and military families.

"Together with Sen. Jill Tokuda, former Sen. Norman Sakamoto and Rep. Roy Takumi, we have worked diligently over the past decade to build a comprehensive partnership

between the military and our school system to understand and recognize the unique challenges facing military children and their families," Takai explained.

A unique aspect of Hawaii's law is that the state council includes six uniformed military members, representing all branches of the military and the U.S. Pacific Command.

Brig. Gen. (retired) Norman Arflack, executive director of the National Interstate Compact Commission, commended the state of Hawaii on the accomplishments that it has made with regard to the compact. "If every state had the organization and structure Hawaii has, there would be no challenges. You have broken the code here in Hawaii," he said.

Arflack said that Hawaii has the largest number of representatives in military uniform and noted that the participation between all military branches and the Department of Education is an important part of Hawaii's program and what makes it so successful.

"Military children are our nation's children. Care of military children sustains our fighting force and strengthens the health, security and safety of our nation's families and communities," Takai said.

For more information about the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, visit the Aloha, Military Families and Students (AMFAS) website at <http://militaryfamily.k12.hi.us/> or www.mic3.net.

Air Force leaders issue summer safety message to troops

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy send the following Critical Days of Summer safety campaign message to the Airmen of the U.S. Air Force and their families:

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day marks the season of greatest risks for our Air Force team. To counter those risks, the Critical Days of Summer safety campaign for 2011 kicked off May 28.

Unfortunately, last summer we lost 16 Airmen. While this was an improve-

ment over the 21 lost the previous year, we must strive to do better. The 2011 Air Force goal is zero preventable mishaps and fatalities.

The leading causes of preventable fatalities during the Critical Days of Summer are off-duty private motor vehicle mishaps and drowning. We therefore emphasize the importance of fastening seatbelts, driving at reasonable speeds and avoiding situations of driving while distracted, under the influence, fatigued or otherwise impaired.

While participating in aquatic activities, we also strongly urge the use of proper equipment such as personal flotation devices

and avoiding hazardous areas and dangerous water conditions.

We challenge all Airmen to make this year safer than last. Be each other's wingman—use risk management principles, both on and off duty, and exercise sound judgment. We encourage each of you to invest a high level of commitment in taking care of one another.

Our most important objective for this summer's campaign is protecting military and civilian personnel and their families.

Enjoy the summer months ahead, be a good wingman and be safe. Thank you for your service, and all that you do for our Air Force and our nation.

Remembering the Battle of Midway



U.S. Navy photo by Don Robbins

In commemoration of the Battle of Midway victory during World War II, Air Force Col. Dann Carlson, deputy joint base commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, (left) and Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, salute as they present wreaths aboard the USS Arizona Memorial on June 3. They were among the participants in the ceremony marking the 69th anniversary of the battle.

USS Port Royal Sailors host make-a-wish visit for teen

Ensign Emma Mattson

USS Port Royal (CG 73)

USS Port Royal (CG 73) had the rare opportunity to host a tour for a special young man May 28.

At age 13, Kyle Beaugard was diagnosed with a serious life-threatening illness. Now 15, Kyle, a World War II history buff, was given the opportunity through the Make-A-Wish Foundation to visit Pearl Harbor and learn about the history of the Navy firsthand.

Accompanied by his parents, Alice and Robert, and older sister Caitlin, Kyle was piped aboard Port Royal. Four bells and "honored guest, arriving," echoed throughout the ship and down the pier as Kyle and his family walked up the brow.

Sideboys rendered honors as he walked across the quarterdeck and Capt. Eric Weilenman, Port Royal's commanding officer, presented Kyle with a command ballcap with his name embroidered on the back.

"Oh my gosh! This is so amazing! Thank you!" Kyle said upon his arrival. Kyle's joy quickly spread to all those around him, and charged the atmosphere with excitement for the rest of his visit.



U.S. Navy photo by Agnes Tauyan

A make-a-wish family member poses at the helm of a rubber-hulled inflatable boat (RHIB) for a photo op as Ensign Jarred Shrader, Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Christopher Johns and Engineman 1st Class (SW) Nephi Ludwig look on.

Ensign Jared Shrader was the designated tour guide for the morning. He led the family forward to the foc'sle for a few photos before taking them to the aft missile deck and the fantail where the damage controlmen and gunners' mates had equipment laid out for demonstrations.

Kyle had a chance to charge a fire hose while his father dressed out in fire-fighting gear. His mom and

sister were shown how to use various rifles kept in the ship's armory. The tour proceeded to the combat information center (CIC) for a demonstration of a basic detect-to-engage scenario.

After CIC, the family was taken to the pilot house where Kyle was able to haul down a flag flown in his honor, which was then cased for him to take home.

The tour concluded with stops in the chiefs' mess

and the wardroom where Kyle and his family learned about the different traditions of the Navy and what it means to be a Sailor, a chief and an officer.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Payne, the acting command master chief at the time, declared Kyle an honorary member of the chiefs' mess and pinned him as an honorary enlisted surface warfare specialist. Payne explained to Kyle about the

general atmosphere of the chiefs' mess and the importance of chiefs in the Navy.

"It's our job to use our years of experience to help the captain make this ship the best it can be," he told Kyle, while explaining how the mess is a place where many candid, yet productive conversations occur.

"Since you are an honorary member of the mess now, feel free to say whatever you please," Payne told him.

Kyle light-heartedly responded, "This is such an honor. I don't even know what to say!"

Following the chiefs' mess, the family was taken to the wardroom. Everyone stood at attention while the captain pinned Kyle as an honorary surface warfare officer (SWO) and presented him with a SWO pin with his name engraved on the back.

Kyle was also made an honorary plank owner of Port Royal, an honor that few in the Navy experience. Kyle's mother wiped tears from her eyes throughout the ceremony. Everyone in the wardroom smiled as Kyle stood proudly, receiving his pin with a look of joy and gratitude on his face.

After refreshments and some time for tour participants to talk with the fami-

ly, Kyle was piped ashore as a plank owner. The Beaugards were then escorted to the ship's rigid-hull inflatable boat and taken on a personal tour of Pearl Harbor so Kyle could have an up-close view of the memorials he studied about.

"This trip has been a chance for Kyle to do and see a lot of things, and has given him a chance to regain confidence," his mother said about the family's cruise to Hawaii and their visit to Port Royal. "I can't even tell you how much this all means. It'll be a very special memory and it will be forever in our hearts."

"[Visiting Port Royal] was the highlight of the trip. It's definitely been cool, and such an honor," said Kyle.

Shrader explained, "There is no aspect of our job as Sailors that is more satisfying than to display our knowledge, our ship, our love of the sea, and our commitment to duty with those who are genuinely interested. Not only was Kyle interested, he was intelligent, eager, enthusiastic and grateful. I can think of no better way to spend my day than sharing my life and ship with that young man. We wish him the very best."

JBPHH change of command is held at Kilo Pier

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ponents that make up this base and the tremendous job they have done over the last three years. This is one of the best jobs that someone can have."

After the reading of orders and assuming command from Kitchens,

James took the opportunity to address the audience.

"I am really proud to be in this position. There is no job I'd rather do, and there is no place I'd rather do it than here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam," James said. "I look forward to working

with everyone here and continuing the excellence this base has established."

During a ceremony at the Pentagon on May 4, JBPHH was recognized as a winner of the 2011 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

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Early planning is important as peak moving season 2011 approaches

Commander Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers

(This is part 2 of an article on household goods moving. Part 1 appeared in the June 3 edition of Ho'okele.)

SAN DIEGO--The peak season for arranging household goods (HHG) moves is now in effect at Commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers worldwide personal property shipping offices. The PPSOs handle approximately 25,400 inbound and outbound shipments during this time of year.

Personal property staff members emphasize the importance of planning early and thoroughly to ensure the stress-free movement of personal property.

Tips for personally procured moves (PPM)

- If you are going to move yourself or direct hire a TSP, you must have orders in hand and complete a DD Form 2278 in DPS and have it signed off by the personal property office prior to taking any actions.
- You must also ensure that

you get your certified weight tickets (both empty at origin and loaded at destination).

If you fail to comply with all provisions of the program, you will not be paid. Use the weight estimating tool available at www.move.mil when estimating your PPM weight.

- Upon arrival at your new duty station, contact your TSP. Log into DPS and update any contact information and check the status of your shipment. You should also be able to verify the weight of your shipment.

You are entitled to 90 days of paid storage. After that you will be billed, unless an extension for an unusual circumstance is approved by your PPSO.

- Make sure that upon delivery of your HHG you complete the customer satisfaction survey (CSS). Your participation in the CSS helps ensure only quality moving companies are used to move military members and their families.

- Damage claim submission is your responsibility. Should a TSP offer to submit a claim on your behalf, respectfully refuse the TSP

and request all documentation associated with the move. Submit your claim via DPS. Submit either the notification of loss or damage at delivery or notification of loss or damage after delivery.

- Full replacement value protection now applies to all HHG shipments. It's important that you understand the term 'full replacement value'—this does not necessarily mean you will receive the full replacement cost for every item destroyed, damaged or lost.

The limitations for personal property lost, damaged or destroyed while in the care of the TSP are a least \$5,000 per shipment or \$4 times the net weight of the shipment, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of \$50,000.

If additional coverage is necessary, it is recommended that you purchase it from a private insurance company.

For more information or questions about HHG moves, email household-goods@navy.mil.

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Diamond Tips

It's after dark...do you know where your children are and what they are doing?

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(Diamond Tips are provided by Air Force first sergeants to address concerns in the Air Force community and provide guidance to Airmen.)

Greetings, housing residents of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. As many are now aware, a team of Airmen and Hickam Community Housing representatives visited our community housing areas this past week. Most residents had the pleasure of meeting one of these folks who were delivering a message to our families about policing our neighborhoods, safety of our children, responsible parenting, and to discuss some of the recent challenges and some of the changes in the after dark curfew for our community parks and common areas.

I titled this article, "It's after dark...do you know where your children are and

what they are doing?" for a few simple reasons. Over the course of the last several months, many folks have noticed a significant change in the parental supervision of children and some of the negative behaviors occurring in our communities as a result of poor supervision of our dependents.

While there is no instruction booklet for raising children or secret recipe that automatically makes us great parents, there are some basic guidelines and responsibilities we should embrace as parents. I believe there are some things that are inherent to raising children and teaching them to be responsible role models in life while helping to foster the child's physical and/or emotional well being. Listed below are just a few that are essential.

Ten vitally important responsibilities of a parent:

1. Be the parent, not a peer.
2. Provide an environment that is safe.
3. Provide your child with

basic needs.

4. Provide your child with self-esteem needs.
5. Teach your child morals and values.
6. Develop mutual respect with your child.
7. Provide discipline which is effective and appropriate.
8. Involve yourself in your child's education.
9. Get to know your child.

10. C o m m u n i c a t e .
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Communicate.

As I pointed out above, there's no secret recipe for child rearing. However, knowing what your child is doing and ensuring they know the rules and policies on base will help ensure their safety and well being of our neighborhoods, while helping them grow into responsible citizens.

Remember, the next time your child bolts out the door, ask yourself the question, "Do I know where they are going? What they will be doing, and who will be providing supervision and oversight?"