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Kaneohe Bay Air Show features



Navy Blue Angels this weekend

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The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will be featured performers at the 2012 Kaneohe Bay Airshow this Saturday and Sunday. “We are excited to once again host the Navy’s world-famous Blue Angels as they

celebrate 25 years of performing in the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft,” said Col. Brian Annichiarico, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The airshow will also feature performances by a variety of aerial acrobats and displays of military, civilian and privately owned aircraft. Festivities also

include demonstrations by the Navy Leap Frogs parachute team and the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Three Seven (HSL-37), the Navy’s oldest operational Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System, as well as the Marine Air-Ground Task Force and Paradise Flyers Radio Control Club Hawaii.

Taste of Oahu food booths will provide refreshments such as pizza, chicken, kalbi and garlic shrimp plates, hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, kettle corn, shave ice, churros and soft-serve cones. There will be carnival rides for children. The Kaneohe Bay Airshow is free and open to the public. Gates open at 9 a.m. For

more information, visit www.kaneohebairshow.com or call 257-4636.

Photo illustration
Photos courtesy of Marine Corps Base Hawaii
The Navy’s Blue Angels perform at a previous Kaneohe Bay Airshow. This year’s event will take place Saturday and Sunday.

Makahiki festival takes place Oct. 6 at Hickam Beach

Grace Hew Len

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs Director

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will celebrate *Kapuai'kaula Makahiki* from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 6 at Hickam Harbor Beach.

Military and civilian personnel, their families and sponsored guests are invited to observe *makahiki*, an ancient Hawaiian celebration known as a “Hawaiian Thanksgiving.”

The free event is organized by the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, in partnership with JBPHH.

Families are invited to bring their beach chairs and mats to enjoy the festivities and take part in *makahiki* games, such as *o'o* (spear throwing) and

'ulu maika (stone rolling). Winners will receive homemade *kahili* or feather standard, as prizes and compete for the “grand champion” plaque.

Before the *makahiki* begins at 9 a.m., paddlers in canoes carrying the Hawaiian deity *Lono* will make a journey from Iroquois Point to Hickam Harbor. Once near shore, the blast of the *pu* (conch shell), will announce their arrival, ushering the start of the *makahiki* with a procession from the beach to the *makahiki* site in the grassy area near Sam Choy’s Seafood Grille.

In ancient Hawaiian history, *Lono* was the embodiment of peace and welfare, and all warfare was strictly forbidden during the time of *makahiki*. The focus on health and welfare made games of skill that tested a

healthy body and mind a focal point of the *makahiki* games.

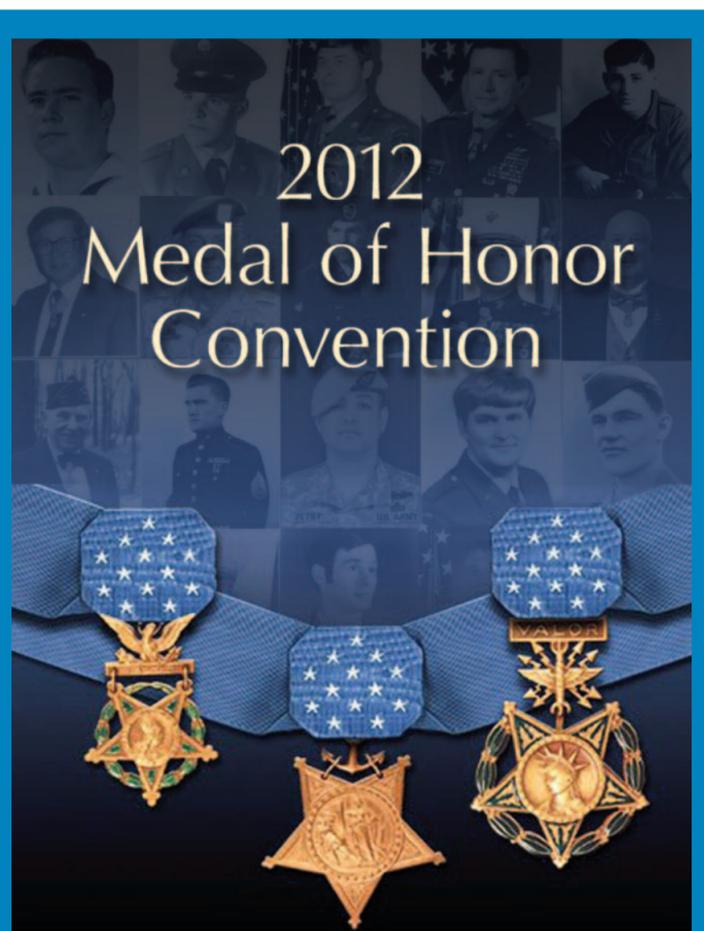
For more than 2,000 years, the significance of *Lono* and his contributions to the beliefs and practices of the early Hawaiian people influenced the celebration of events held during *makahiki* festivals throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

According to the ancient calendar of Hawaii, the Hawaiian new year begins on the first night of the rising star constellation *Makali'i*, or Pleiades. The four months following the rise of the *Makali'i*, from October to the end of January, were set aside as a time for *Lono* to give thanksgiving for the bounty of land and sea.

For more information, contact the JBPHH public affairs office at 473-2926.



Photo illustration
Participants in a previous *makahiki*, take part in the events. This year’s *makahiki* will take place Oct. 6 at Hickam Harbor Beach.



Medal of Honor Convention events include joint base

Don Robbins
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Honolulu is this year’s host for the 2012 Medal of Honor Convention, which will take place Oct. 1 to 6 and feature 54 of America’s 81 recipients.

Events honoring the Medal of Honor recipients will take place at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and other locations across the island of Oahu.

Among the medal recipients are two Hawaii men, Sen. Daniel Inouye and Allan Kellogg.

“Hawaii has a truly unique opportunity to share the ‘ohana culture, traditions and splendor that is distinctly Hawaii with our nation’s most revered heroes,” said retired U.S. Navy Adm. and former Pacific

Commander Thomas Fargo, co-chairman of the convention’s host committee. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to meet and honor our nation’s Medal of Honor recipients, as well as have a great time at events that will be both inspiring and enjoyable.”

The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor that can be bestowed upon a member of the U.S. armed forces.

Events to honor the Medal of Honor recipients include an Oct. 1 military welcome reception by the United States Pacific Command with support from the Joint Service Color Guard and Pacific Fleet Band.

Military base visits and town halls for Medal of Honor recipients will be

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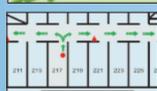
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USS Paul Hamilton deploys to western Pacific, Central Command

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sept. 21 for a 10-month deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility.

"Paul Hamilton expects to conduct maritime security and ballistic missile defense operations during deployment," said Cmdr. Scott A. Carroll, commanding officer of Paul Hamilton. "As a multi-mission AEGIS destroyer, Paul Hamilton is prepared to execute a full range of missions in support of U.S., partner and coalition objectives. The officers and crew are prepared and ready to go."

Paul Hamilton, with more than 280 Sailors aboard, is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31, the immediate superior in command for all Pearl Harbor-based destroyers and frigates



(Left) Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) man the rails before departing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulham

(Right) Lt. Carne Livingston kisses his son before going aboard USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60).

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Donald W. Randall



under an operational alignment to increase force presence and surge capacity in

the western Pacific under Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission anti-air warfare, anti-submarine

warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants. They operate independently

for support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups and surface strike groups.

Domestic violence survivor speaks at JBPHH awareness event

Story and photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

October is designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and to begin the awareness campaign this year, Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) hosted Mildred D. Muhammad, an advocate, consultant, author, inspirational speaker and domestic violence survivor.

The Military Family Support Center hosted the event Sept. 25 at the Hickam Memorial Theater to increase public awareness about the prevention of domestic violence. Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, JBPHH, introduced Muhammad.

Muhammad is the ex-wife of the convicted Washington, D.C. sniper, John Allen Muhammad, and she shared her story of domestic violence and how she was the target for her ex-husband, who was executed in 2009.

Muhammad shared her story of how she was stalked by her former husband and had to fight for custody of her children.

"John was a combat engineer, a demolition expert, and could make a weapon out of



Mildred D. Muhammad, author, inspirational speaker, and domestic violence survivor, speaks at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

anything," she said. "He was so and tuned with his job."

He was extremely detailed

and meticulous, and Muhammad learned a lot from him on how to stay alive.

The madness started after Muhammad asked for a divorce due to his infidelity. There was verbal, emotional, and economic abuse. He emptied her bank account, took their children, and disappeared.

Muhammad said she educated herself on legal issues and fought to get her kids back. She had no money and had to live in a shelter for abused women when she began her battle.

She was able to locate her children in Washington State, and a judge there granted her full custody of the children. She said her husband threatened to kill her and she feared for her life. She escaped to Maryland hoping her ex-husband would not be able to find her.

She never expected her husband to be a threat to anyone else but her, but when he found out where she was, he went to Maryland and began targeting innocent people. When a sniper started shooting people in the DC area, little did she know that it was her ex-husband John Allen Muhammad.

Mildred Muhammad has been on television and radio talk shows and has written a book called "Scared Silent" to tell her story.

She said she didn't title her book, "Scared Silent" because she was too scared to do anything, but because she had to work under the radar to get her children back, and avoid being killed by her husband.

"You should only tell one person you can trust what you are planning to do and you should have a safety plan," she said. "Keep in mind that it does not matter what educational or financial status, occupation, race, creed or religion you are, domestic violence affects us all."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, about 25 percent of women and 8 percent of men surveyed were abused or assaulted by a spouse, partner or someone they knew at some point in their lives.

The first domestic violence awareness program began in 1981 as a Day of Unity established by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, whose mission was to connect victim advocates throughout the nation who were working to end the violence against women and children.

Medal of Honor Convention to feature base events

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held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Schofield Barracks and Tripler Army Medical Center on Oct. 4. JBPHH will host eight recipients for informal visits to ship piers, squadrons and lunch at the galleys on both the Pearl Harbor and Hickam sides of the base.

The eight Medal of Honor recipients to be hosted at JBPHH include Donald E. Ballard, Gary B. Beikirch, Jon R. Caviani, Drew D. Dix, Charles C. Hagemeister, Ronald E. Rosser, George T. Sakato and Leo K. Thorsness.

JBPHH will host the recipients and their guests on a harbor tour on Oct. 4 aboard two of the biodiesel white boats named after Medal of Honor recipients from the Pearl Harbor attack. One will

be aboard boat No. 39-1, John W. Finn. When at the memorial, the group will conduct a wreath-laying ceremony.

The ceremonies to honor the Medal of Honor recipients will also include an Oct. 4 tour of the Pacific Aviation Museum and dinner with support from the Joint Service Color Guard and Pacific Air Forces Band.

Medal of Honor Convention events open to the public during the weeklong festivities include:

Punchbowl dedication

The public is invited to join recipients, local military and veterans from 10:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 3 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific for a ceremony and dedication of a memorial stone in honor of 32 Medal of Honor recipients interred at the site. Admission is free. The event will include

support from military bands, chaplains and rifle details.

Limited parking will be available at Punchbowl along with off-site parking and free shuttle service at Lincoln Elementary, Stevenson Middle and Roosevelt High schools starting at 8 a.m. The last shuttle back to the parking area will be at 1:30 p.m.

Downtown block party

"CSI: NY" actor Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band will rock downtown Honolulu (Nimitz Highway between Smith Street and Nuuanu Avenue) at a block party and concert from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 5. Admission is free.

MOH book signing

This event is an opportunity to meet more than 50 Medal of Honor recipients at two sessions 9 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

Tickets are \$20 each. There are two sessions to choose from, and each ticket purchase includes a hardcover Medal of Honor quote book. Purchase tickets online visit MedalofHonorConvention2012.com.

Patriot Award dinner

The convention culminates with a Patriot Award dinner reception from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Oct. 6 aboard the USS Missouri, followed by an awards dinner honoring the nation's heroes and others. Limited tickets are available through Oct. 1 for \$500 each. Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$5,000. Sponsorship packages are available. To purchase tickets or a table, contact info@medalofhonorconvention2012.com.

For more information, visit the website MedalofHonorConvention2012.com or "like" it on Facebook.

Hawaii energy costs up, buffer to change for residents

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Two changes are coming Oct. 1 for residents in Forest City Navy Public-Private Venture (PPV) housing that will affect their energy bill.

The current energy buffer in the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) will change from 20 to 10 percent, meaning more residents will have to pay if they use excessive energy but more can save if they conserve below the 10 percent buffer.

Coincidentally, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii announced a 30 percent increase in the electricity rate it will charge its customers on Oahu starting Oct. 1 due to rising energy costs.

RECP Buffer to 10%

Over the course of nine community meetings jointly hosted by Commander Navy Region

Hawaii, Commander Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Forest City, leaders and residents discussed coming changes in the residential energy conservation program.

"Shrinking of the buffer from 20 percent to 10 percent will result in more PPV residents having to pay for excess electricity usage as well as more residents receiving a rebate for conserving electricity," said Capt. Jeff James, joint base commander.

RECP is being expanded nationwide for Navy residents in PPV housing starting in October.

"RECP is a success story for us here at Pearl Harbor-Hickam and a key to our Energy Smart Initiative with the State of Hawaii. Our service members and their families are part of that success," James said.

Electricity Rate Increase

Another change at the begin-

ning of the fiscal year is the increase in electricity rates for PPV residents on Oahu. The increase in electricity rate means some residents will owe more money for their excessive energy use, while others will receive more money back for their conservation efforts.

The increase could be significant if residents overuse electricity.

For NAVFAC Hawaii customers, the electricity rate will increase from \$0.201 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.263 per kWh on Oahu, and essentially remain the same on Kauai.

"The \$0.263 cents per kWh to be charged to Forest City PPV residents is still much lower than the average \$0.335 cents per kWh that the Hawaiian Electric Company charges Oahu residents living in non-PPV housing," according to Darryl Nii, Navy Region Hawaii PPV Director.

The increase in electricity

rates affecting all State of Hawaii residents is the direct result of higher fuel prices because petroleum-fired power plants supply more than three-fourths of the state's electricity, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Realities of Change

RECP is an incentive-based means for reducing dependence on foreign oil and other fossil fuels. The Navy in Hawaii is leading efforts to reduce the overuse of electricity and use renewable energy.

"As the cost of energy rises worldwide, the need for reducing and conserving becomes even greater," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"We have achieved nationally recognized reductions of energy use at our installations in Hawaii. We have moved forward on renewable energy and sustainability. And, we are

proud that our families are helping us meet the Navy's and nation's energy security goals."

For more than a year, the Region and Joint Base have shared stories and innovation tips from residents and experts on how to save energy and receive rebates under RECP. The Navy and Forest City offer strategies, advice and assistance to families who want to save energy in their homes.

Forest City residents are encouraged to contact their resident services office if they have questions about RECP. Residents should have received a notice from Forest City to complete a RECP lease addendum. Any resident who has not done so should contact their resident services office.

For more information, visit www.fenavyhawaii.com under the RECP tab. The Navy Region Hawaii point of contact for RECP is Darryl Nii, Darryl.nii@navy.mil, 474-1825.

Hispanic Heritage Month observed at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

Story and photos by Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

A ceremony marking the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month took place Sept. 21 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme for this year is "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today."

Capt. Robert A. Espinosa, former chief of staff, Navy Region Hawaii, served as keynote speaker. Espinosa's father is a first generation immigrant from Cuba, and his mother is Puerto Rican.

"My path was simple compared to that of my parents,"



(Left) Capt. Robert Espinosa was the keynote speaker at JBPBH's National Hispanic Heritage Month event. (Right) MA 1 Zahul Puelo and his wife Cinthia entertain the crowd with a traditional dance from the Dominican Republic.

Espinosa said. "They left everything behind and came to this country with just the shirts on their backs. Those who came before us came not for a handout but for an opportunity."

The ceremony concluded with refreshments consisting of traditional Hispanic food and beverages. Master-at-Arms First Class Zahul Puelo, Joint Base Security Harbor Division, and his wife, Cinthia, entertained the crowd with a traditional dance from the Dominican Republic called a Bachata.

National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, and celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain,

Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and expanded under President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will continue to honor National Hispanic Heritage Month with a Sept. 30 celebration from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Ward Field. This event will include Salsa dancing from instructor, performer and choreographer Jerome Ramos, who is offering a free dance class. Che Pasta's DJ Jose will be spinning Salsa, Merengue, Bachata and more. Local Latin vendors are providing food.

Diverse Views



"If you could have an all-expenses-paid trip to anywhere in the world where would you go? Why would you choose that location?"

Danny Ardo
Retired Staff Sgt. USAF Reserve



"Honokaa, on The Big Island. I would like to visit the birth place of my father; take my children to the places their Papa once played and spent the early years of his life."



Electronics Technician 2 Fito Delhome
USS Germantown (LSD-42)

"Paris. It's one of those exotic places. And the military doesn't send you there."

Capt. Carol Chang
713th Combat Operations Squadron



"Europe! I want to backpack around Europe with my husband and two daughters, visiting all the historic landmarks that we learned and read about in history classes. I love immersing in other cultures and learning their language and traditions. We definitely want to raise our girls in a diverse environment. The top three countries are Greece, Italy and France."



Hospital Corpsman 2 Lance Easton
USS Lake Erie (CG-70)

"One of the other Hawaiian islands. I've loved Hawaii ever since I got here."

Tech. Sgt. Robert Murray
15th Medical Support Squadron



"I would like to visit Australia. Not many people get a chance to do that. I always found Australia to be unique. The wildlife and the people would be worth the trip."



Staff Sgt. Jennyrose Whitney
713th Combat Operations Squadron

"I would love to go back to Seychelles. My friend at the time tried to 'hang out' but I ruined it and invited a lot of friends. Because of that beautiful sunset conversation we have been together seven years."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and Brandon Bosworth)

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Air, ground crews enter trophy competition



Photo courtesy of T. Merrill

In September 1962 air and ground crews of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, for their first entry into the Earl T. Ricks Trophy Memorial competition. According to information researched by retired Maj. Gen. Mike Tice, the team is posing in front of a 199th FS Convair F-102A "Delta Dagger" aircraft and an array of training versions of the AIM-4 "Falcon" air-to-air missiles.

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USS Key West departs for new homeport

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Friends and families of the crew from USS Key West (SSN 722) gathered at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to say goodbye as the Los Angeles-class submarine departed for its new homeport of Naval Base Guam, Sept. 20.

In Guam, Key West will be assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 15 as one of three forward-deployed submarines. The change of homeport is part of a swap between Key



Los Angeles-class submarine USS Key West (SSN 722) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam en route to its new homeport at Naval Base Guam, Sept. 20.

West and USS Buffalo (SSN 715) which is scheduled to arrive in Pearl Harbor next year.

"The crew has been waiting for this day for a long time. They know that they

are going to a forward-deployed homeport and are excited to be at the tip of the spear as a forward-deployed unit," said Cmdr. Curtis P. Duncan, USS Key West commanding officer.

Duncan said getting the submarine mission ready will be the goal for the 160-man crew during the underway period. Training the crew to be familiarized with the ship's systems is

the main purpose since many have been temporarily assigned to other submarines while Key West underwent a recently completed two-year engineering overhaul and weapons systems upgrade period.

As the submarine made its final preparations for getting underway, the crew took time to say goodbye to their family and friends in Pearl Harbor. Many waved goodbye as the submarine slowly sailed away.

Duncan said arrangements have long been planned to help the families for the move to Guam. Numerous meetings were conducted to make the transition from Hawaii to

Guam as smooth and easy as possible. Half of the families are already in Guam, and the rest of the families will follow from Hawaii as well as the mainland shortly after Key West departs Pearl Harbor.

Having the chance to be a forward-deployed submarine in Guam, Key West will be able to deploy at a moment's notice when called upon to emergent theater commander tasking in support of the nation's maritime strategy efforts.

"I'm looking forward to the adventure and going to see new places," said Machinist Mate Weapons Seaman Logan Richardson.

Crommelin Sailors recognized for praiseworthy service

Lt. j.g. Tyler Sharp

USS Crommelin (FFG 37) celebrated the accomplishments of multiple Sailors during a Sept. 20 award ceremony aboard Crommelin.

The crew congratulated shipmates as they received a variety of awards. Some were recognized for their selfless service on Crommelin, while others received the coveted Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification.

"It feels great to finally wear this pin," said Boatswain Mate Seamen (BMSN) Stefan Woloszyn, a member of Crommelin's Deck Division. "I worked very hard for it, now it's as if a weight has been lifted from my shoulders."

Several other Crommelin Sailors rejoiced as they donned the ESWS pin, after months of studying, memorization and work that went into earning the qualification.

In addition to those receiving their ESWS pin, other Sailors received End of Tour (EOT) awards. EOT awards are presented to personnel who have demonstrated professional expertise and unquestionable achievement during their tenure stationed on Crommelin. Quartermaster Seaman Clayton Coryell earned his Navy Achievement Medal for displaying exemplary skill as a member of the navigation team during numerous multi-vessel maneuvering evolutions.

"I am honored to wear this award," Coryell said. "In my opinion, everyone deserves some kind of recognition for their hard work."

Crommelin will celebrate the end of its 30 years of service during a decommissioning ceremony scheduled for Oct. 26.



U.S. Navy photo by PS3 Domicia Humphries

(Left) Sailors aboard USS Chung-Hoon enjoy a meal in their newly renovated mess deck. (Right) Commodore Wallace Lovely, commander of DESRON 31, addresses the crew.

Chung-Hoon mess decks undergo renovation

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)
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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), Hawaii's guided-missile destroyer, recently underwent a major preservation and renovation of the ship's mess decks.

The ship serves meals three times a day to 275 Sailors and also serves as a crew lounge after meal hours.

"It was a little frustrating at first not to be able to get chow like we usually do, but it was worth it to have a new mess decks when we get underway,"

said Seaman Courtney Scott.

The closing of the mess decks brought on a minor inconvenience to many Sailors who had to order food from the base galley and eat it take-out style elsewhere, but it was clear at the ribbon-cutting ceremony last month that the renovation was well worth the wait. Operations Specialist 2nd Class Charles Futch said that it was "the nicest mess decks [he] has ever seen."

Commodore Wallace Lovely, commander of Destroyer Squadron 31, was on hand for

the grand re-opening and took time to address the crew, expressing his pride in the crew and wishing them well.

The mess decks now feature new Hawaiian-themed décor, wood-grain flooring, repainted chairs and tables, new tablecloths sporting the Chung-Hoon crest and a gaming area, as well as three new high definition TVs for the crew's entertainment.

"The gaming area is great," said Yeoman 2nd Class Terrance Dubose, who has enjoyed spending some of his

free time playing video games with other Sailors in the new space. "It is a top priority for Chung-Hoon's Sailors to feel like they are at home while aboard. The newly renovated mess decks are now reflective of the caliber of crew that serves on this great warship," said Cmdr. Justin Orlich, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon.

"I think this kind of thing really helps morale and encourages a sense of pride and ownership for everyone onboard," said Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Ashley Gorham.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) Airmen from the 154th Maintenance Squadron and the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron participate in the Operational Readiness Exercise on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 13. During the exercise, Airmen had to don protective gear to protect against a simulated chemical attack while still performing their normal maintenance duties on the KC-135 Stratotanker.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Lauren Main

(Right) Airman 1st Class Ryan Lockhart, 535th Airlift Squadron is promoted to Senior Airman below-the-zone (BTZ) Sept. 19 by Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Bramlett, Command Chief, 15th Wing and Col. Terry Scott, Vice Commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The BTZ promotion is a competitive early promotion program that allows Airmen to get promoted to Senior Airman six months earlier than they would normally sew on that rank.

Photo by David D. Underwood, Jr.



(Left) Al Balderama, Fire Prevention Battalion Chief at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, receives a flu shot during Citadel Shotex 2012 on JBPHH Sept. 18-20. The purpose of the immunizations is to exercise and assess the Navy's ability to immunize large populations of shore-based active duty and Navy civilian employees.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

(Right) Members of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band perform during the 2012 Aloha Festivals Floral Parade in Waikiki. The theme of this year's parade was "ho'onui 'ike" (to increase knowledge). The annual parade is one of the largest floral parades in the United States.

U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 Daniel Barker



(Left) Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Josh Kelly accepts a Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Inspirational Leadership Award during the second annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Military Leadership Awards Luncheon held on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The NAACP has been a leading effort for social justice since 1909. (See story on page A-6)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

USS Lake Erie Sailors commemorate namesake at Put-in-Bay, Ohio

Lt. j.g. Kelly Ruane

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Public Affairs

Put-in-Bay, Ohio – More than 3,000 miles from their homeport of Pearl Harbor, the color guard and command master chief of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) commemorated the 199th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, their ship's namesake.

The Ticonderoga-class, guided-missile cruiser is named after the famous battle in which the United States proved victorious over the British on Sept 10, 1813.

Put-in-Bay is nestled on a small island off the shores of Ohio, a picturesque location for the showdown between Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and Cmdr. Robert Heriot Barclay during the War of 1812. Today the island is home to the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, the fourth tallest memorial in the United States.

"We have an important part to play in the ceremonies," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Marcos Lucero, explaining his role as color guard member during the festivities. "For one thing, our presence there makes visitors aware that our nation still remembers those events and that the traditions put in place by past Sailors still carry true in today's Navy."

"Put-in-Bay is definitely Ohio's best kept secret," said Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SW) Jason Vandergiesen, a color guard member. "Everyone was friendly, generous and the respect shown to military personnel was nothing short of impressive."

Each year, the town of Put-in-Bay celebrates the anniversary with a variety of events including a Boy Scout camp-out, parade and several commemoration ceremonies. This year, Rear Adm. Joseph A. Horn, Aegis ballistic missile defense program direc-



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USS Lake Erie (CG 70) color guard members march in the Battle of Lake Erie Commemoration Parade at Put-in-Bay, Ohio Sept. 8.

tor for the Missile Defense Agency and former commanding officer of USS Lake Erie, attended and gave a speech personally recognizing the Sailors of Lake Erie.

Next year's event marks the bicentennial of the battle. Preparations for the celebration were already underway as this year's festivities came to a close.

NAACP hosts leadership awards at JBPHH

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Navy, USS O'Kane (DDG 77), recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Service Award.

The Honolulu-Hawaii Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held its second annual Military Leadership Awards luncheon Sept. 22 at the Hickam Officers Club on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The luncheon recognized individuals who hold characteristics of commitment, service and leadership.

"We have an obligation to ensure that personnel and organizations that uphold our goals and objectives are recognized for doing so," said Alphonso Braggs, president of the NAACP Hawaii Branch. "Our goals are to ensure that we achieve equality and justice across all spectrums."

The 11 recipients each received either the Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Service Award, the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Meritorious Service award, the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Inspirational Leadership Award or the Medgar Evers Community Service Award.

Navy and Air Force award recipients included:

- Navy Cryptologic Technician Technical Jasen D. Williams, U.S.

- Navy Intelligence Specialist 1st class Josh C. Kelly, Joint Intelligence Operations Center Pacific Command and Air Force Tech Sgt. Troy A. Agustin, 13th Air Force, both recipients of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Inspirational Leadership Award.

- Navy Yeoman 2nd class Frances A. Delcid, U.S. Pacific Command and Air Force Staff Sgt. Caan L. Polite, U.S. Pacific Command, both recipients of the Medgar Evers Community Service Award.

"It feels so good to me because it's just what I do. I don't look at it just because I have on a uniform or I am the boss of someone," Kelly said. "I try to take care of my people and try to lead them to pay it forward and make sure that everybody who comes behind me can learn how to be a real leader and take care of their people and make the military a better place."

Braggs said he was honored to recognize such a diverse group of service members who crossed ethnic categories and pay grades.

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Federal Fire Department to focus on escape planning during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13

Angela Sanders

Fire Inspector

If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of American households thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening.

Unfortunately, the time available is often less. That's why the Federal Fire Department (FFD) is teaming

up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13, to urge residents to "have two ways out!" This year's theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

FFD personnel will be at the following locations during Fire Prevention Week at these times to promote the theme:

- Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange;
- Oct. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Schofield Barracks Base Exchange;
- Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Marine Corps Base, Hawaii,

Kaneohe Mokapu Mall.

Through these educational family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of fire escape planning and practice, as well as the power of prevention.

Since 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths and \$6.9 billion in direct damage. According to NFPA statistics, one home structure was reported every 85 seconds in 2010. Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize.

Developing and practicing an escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family's safety should fire break out in your home.

FFD recommends the following tips for planning your family's escape:

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and window that could be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone will meet once they've escaped. Ensure that the location is drawn out on your escape plan.
- Write the emergency telephone

number 911 on your escape plan.

- Practice your escape plan with everyone in the household by having someone activate the smoke alarm.

- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and remind family members about practicing the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

For more information, call Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617 or email angela.sanders1@navy.mil. For more information about "have two ways out!" visit NFPA's website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Chafee welcomes chef on deck

Ensign Caitlin Smith

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"Chef on deck!" You may have heard this if you recently walked past the crew galley on USS Chafee (DDG 90).

Chef Adam Weiner is underway with the USS Chafee through the Navy's adopt-a-ship program, and the ship's culinary specialists (CSs) said they couldn't be more excited for this training opportunity. Arranged through the Naval Supply Systems Command, professional chefs are invited to impart their knowledge and experience to the Navy's own chefs.

Weiner is a full-time culinary instructor who was hailed by the executive chef for the Navy in 2006 to participate in the adopt-a-ship program.

Weiner had just returned from a tour of the USS Preble in San Francisco Bay when he received an email asking him if he was interested in taking his teaching and culinary skills to Chafee.

Six years after "enlisting" in the adopt-a-ship program, he said he is thrilled to be on his 11th assignment with the Navy. "I love doing this. I love helping people out and overall, I love the way I'm treated. The level of respect and appreciation I get from the CSs, I don't get that in my day-to-day job."

Every command offers something unique to expand upon, he said, and Chafee is no different. "[USS Chafee] is the only command I've been to that makes their own bread," Weiner noted.

But Weiner is not the

only one enjoying his time aboard.

"The adopt-a-ship program has been instrumental in providing much needed training to my young CSs. Chef Adam Weiner has been incredible, and it has been inspiring to see my CSs grow and begin to really enjoy cooking," said Lt. Cmdr. Geno Dawson, supply officer, Chafee. Crewmembers said he has not only instructed and educated, but contributed positively to the climate of the food service division.

A culinary instructor in Menlo Park, Calif., Weiner has volunteered at a number of naval commands including the War College in Newport, R.I. He was specially invited as a chef for the change of command of the USS Constitution moored in Boston Harbor, Mass.



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Sonar Technician Surface 2nd Class (SW) Jonathan Bongard helps move trays of food while assisting at the River of Life.

USS Reuben James Sailors volunteer at River of Life

Ensign Damon Goodrich-Houska

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Public Affairs*

Sailors from USS Reuben James (FFG 57) recently volunteered at the River of Life Mission in Honolulu in order to provide food to those in need.

The River of Life Mission

regularly serves breakfast, lunch and dinner to several hundred people from all walks of life.

"Thanks to all the donations and volunteers the Mission is able to serve over 200 meals a day," said Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class (SW) Jonathan Bongard.

"This is the about the sixth time that Reuben James has

volunteered here, and every time we get a chance to come over it's a pleasure just to assist the staff who does this every day," said Cmdr. Luis Alva, Reuben James' executive officer.

The River of Life Mission welcomes all volunteers. For more information, visit www.riveroflifemission.org or call (808) 524-7656 and ask for Tracy.

Department of Defense expands sexual assault prevention efforts

U.S. Department of Defense

As part of the Department of Defense's efforts to confront the crime of sexual assault in the military, the department has announced improvements to prospective commander and senior enlisted training and a review of the initial military training environment in every service.

First, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has instituted higher standards for sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) training for pre-command training. These changes are the result of a review ordered by the secretary in January 2012.

The review found that while these leaders are receiving SAPR training, the department should take specific steps to improve its quality and consistency across the services. Based on these findings, the secretary has directed the military services to:

- Develop and implement standardized core competencies, learning objectives, and methods for objectively assessing the effectiveness of SAPR programs.

- Provide a dedicated block of SAPR instruction that incorporates best practices including interactive instruction with vignettes, exercises, and classroom discussion.

- Provide a quick-refer-

ence SAPR "Commander's Guide," review in the classroom, that personnel can then use in subsequent leadership roles.

- Assess commanders' and senior enlisted leaders' understanding of the key SAPR concepts and skills and develop and implement refresher training to sustain skills and knowledge.

Panetta has placed a high priority on this issue and directed the military departments to report back to him on the development of these core competencies and assessment methods by Dec. 20, 2012, and that implementation of these measures start no later than March 30, 2013.

Second, Secretary Panetta has directed that each military department conduct a comprehensive assessment of all initial military training of enlisted personnel and commissioned officers to ensure a safe and secure environment.

This assessment will look across the services into several key areas including the selection, training, and oversight of basic training instructors and leaders who directly supervise initial military training for officers and enlisted personnel.

The study will also look at the instructor to student ratio, the ratio of leaders in the chain of command to instructors, and consider the potential benefits of

increasing the number of female instructors.

In addition, the secretary has directed all of the military services to review their internal controls to identify and prevent inappropriate behavior throughout initial military training; to evaluate student accessibility to SAPR programs; the timing, contact and delivery of SAPR related training; and the timing and effectiveness of processes for gathering student feedback.

Panetta has directed the military departments to report back to him on findings and recommendations by Feb. 8, 2013.

Together, these reviews are part of a broad, multi-faceted effort to fundamentally change the way the department confronts sexual assault from prevention, investigation, victim care, and accountability.

The men and women of the U.S. military must be able to serve in an environment that is free from the threat of sexual assault. Service members and their families must feel secure enough to report this crime without fear of retribution and commanders must hold offenders appropriately accountable.

A copy of the full text of the Evaluation of Pre-Command Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training report and Panetta's directives are available at <http://www.sapr.mil>.