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Sailors from USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Russell (DDG 59), USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and Naval Submarine Support Command who received their anchors during the FY-13 Middle Pacific chief pinning ceremony Sept. 14 sing Anchor's Aweigh aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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A Sailor receives her chief petty officer (CPO) combination cover for the first time while family members watch.

Hickam Airmen participate in operational readiness exercise

Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 15th Wing, 647th Air Base Group (ABG) and 154th Wing dressed up Sept. 11-13 during an operational readiness exercise (ORE) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The ORE focused on testing the ability of Airmen to don mission-oriented protective posture, or "MOPP" gear, and survive simulated chemical attacks in an austere environment while keeping the mission rolling.

The exercise is a preparatory event for a November 2013 operational readiness inspection, which will give upper command staff personnel an opportunity to observe the state of readiness of Airmen under their leadership to sustain and fight a war in a downrange location.

The exercise was a joint effort between the 154th



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

Members of the 647th Security Forces Squadron provide cover for one another during an operational readiness exercise Sept. 12 at Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The exercise scenario involved a vehicle ambush and a personnel recovery mission.

Wing, who predominately provided the manpower and aircraft, and the 15th Wing

and 647th ABG who provided a large planning piece. "This was our first phase-

two exercise, or combat effectiveness readiness exercise, whereby the combined forces

of the 154th, 15th, 647th deployed to a downrange 'base X' location and fought

in a phase-two (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives) type exercise in austere conditions away from their normal work centers," said John Tauber, 15th Wing and 647th Air Base Group chief of exercises and inspections.

As a phase-two exercise, evaluators forewent the phase-one, or "deployment phase," normal exercises employ. This means the players went through what Tauber called a "hot start" in which all buildings, equipment and personnel are prepped beforehand in order to begin the exercise in an "employment downrange" event. This allowed evaluators to focus only on observing players' abilities to operate and fight in a CBRNE environment.

According to Maj. Jon Baize, exercise evaluation team member and chief of

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Williamson assumes command of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Public Affairs

Capt. Michael Williamson relieved Capt. John Coronado as commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii during a change of command ceremony Sept. 12 at the command's main compound off Radford Drive.

"When it comes to facilities and everything related to them, John's performance has simply been magnificent," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"He has been all things to all people here in Hawaii on issues ranging from energy to the environment, from factories to facilities, from bunkers to barracks, and from smart cars to smart grids," Ponds said.

For the past two years, Coronado was the driving force behind the



U.S. Navy photo by Krista Cañan

Rear Adm. Katherine Gregory, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC Pacific), presents Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii, with a Legion of Merit medal at the NAVFAC Hawaii change of command ceremony Sept. 12.

delivery of \$1.5 billion in facilities engineering and environmental services to Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Marine Corps Base Hawaii and a wide range of other supported commands.

As part of the ceremony, Rear Adm. Katherine Gregory, commander of NAVFAC Pacific, presented Coronado with a Legion of Merit medal for his exceptional meritorious conduct, outstanding leadership and technical expertise from June 2010 to September 2012 while serving as commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii and regional engineer of CNRH.

Coronado was instrumental in the first two years of joint basing implementation which began Oct. 1, 2010, leading the extensive effort regarding facilities, environmental and procurement related actions for a seamless execution. These actions helped JBPHH to be one of five recipients of the presidential award - the Commander-in-Chief's 2011 Annual Award for

Installation Excellence.

In addition, Coronado oversaw the revamp of the region's energy program, pushing for the execution of the Navy's most innovative alternative energy initiatives in Hawaii. Under his leadership, CNRH has surpassed Department of Navy conservation goals and is on track to meet all renewable energy goals. His efforts directly resulted in CNRH earning six SECNAV energy awards in 2010 and 2011.

In the environmental arena, Coronado's guidance assisted CNRH in strengthening the Navy's relationship with the state of Hawaii Historic Preservation Department and its historic partners. This action and leadership enabled CNRH/JBPHH/NAVFAC Hawaii to be awarded 11 historic preservation awards from the Historic Hawaii Foundation in 2012 for preserving, restoring and/or interpreting Hawaii's archaeological, architectural and

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Wife and husband receive chief anchors aboard Battleship Missouri Memorial

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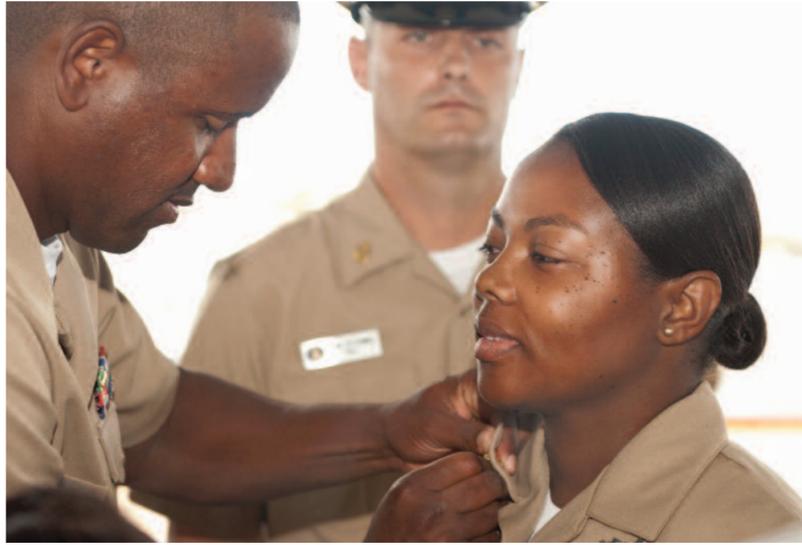
Eighteen chief selectees received their anchors at a chief pinning ceremony Sept. 14 aboard Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Among those selected were a husband and wife who had the honor to pin their anchors on one another during the ceremony.

Chief Culinary Specialist Nigel Mahone, assigned to USS Crommelin (FFG 37), and his wife, Chief Legalman Wymeka N. Mahone, assigned to Naval Submarine Support Command, are a rare military couple to become chiefs side-by-side, on the same day.

"I was the first one to find out," said Wymeka.

"He was underway. My friend called me and told me that my



Chief Culinary Specialist Nigel Mahone, assigned to USS Crommelin (FFG37), pins an anchor on Chief Legalman Wymeka N. Mahone, assigned to Naval Submarine Support Command, during the chief pinning ceremony.

name was on there, and I was just in shock. I couldn't believe it."

Nigel shared his wife's reaction of shock and excitement upon receiving the news of their success. It takes personal strength to be responsible both at home and for the Navy, he said, adding, "You have to dig deep inside and go get it."

The husband and wife were called in front of the guests and official party as their family members assisted with the pinning. Both received an anchor from their children as well as pinning anchors on one another.

"It was really great news that the two of them could enjoy this special time together," said Cmdr. Michael Johns, the commanding officer of Crommelin. "The chiefs on Crommelin have been phenomenal. They've always been our leaders, guides I could depend on to make things happen and take action. I know that Chief Mahone will fit in perfectly."

Professional development seminar inspires Airmen

1st Lt.
Kathleen Eisenbrey

15th Medical Group

Seventy-four professionals from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam convened recently at the Aloha Conference Center to celebrate women's equality in a professional development seminar titled, "How to Reach Your Highest Potential ... and Help Others Reach Theirs."

The three-hour seminar touched upon topics promoting empowerment in the workplace, including 10 activities to maximize one's potential for success, synergistic success effects employed by successful leaders, tips for implementing a goal-setting action plan, and exploring the "female factor," among others.

Utilizing her 23 years-and-counting experience as a leader, Col. Eva Jenkins, commander of 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, shared advice regarding how to succeed.

"Attitude is everything. Your attitude matters. A positive attitude is always better in every situation. It is integral to understand your priorities, work on personal development every day, and be your best," Jenkins said.

"As a young lieutenant, I sought feedback from my Airmen and noncommissioned officers. After I asked them for honest advice on how I was performing, I asked them, 'How can I do better?' she said.

When facing inevitable challenges, Jenkins suggested that participants

"turn obstacles into opportunities." Jenkins is no stranger to overcoming obstacles. Born in a communist country during the Cold War, Jenkins' parents chose to seek freedom when she was a toddler days after the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact troops invaded Czechoslovakia.

Jenkins' family was very fortunate as they departed their homeland hours before the nation state's borders closed behind the Iron Curtain. Her family sought refuge first with a Catholic priest in Austria, then in Canada for 10 years, before immigrating to the United States when she was an adolescent.

"I often comment that English is my second language," said Jenkins. "Many people do not realize that I am serious ...

English is my second language." Although being a non-native English speaker may be perceived as an impediment, it illustrates the wellspring of her success.

Utilizing her native fluency in Slovak, her proficiencies in Czech, French and Russian, and her avid interest in the history of the Slovak people and gift for understanding politics in the post-Soviet regions, Jenkins has embraced opportunities contingent upon her experiences as a career intelligence officer.

She has become a political affairs specialist, a specialist in the European, NATO and Eurasian fields of study, and has earned a doctorate of philosophy degree in international studies (with academic merit award).

Jenkins has published

two books: "Slovakia's Journey to NATO Membership," and "Military Intel-Sharing Relationship Among NATO Allies in Support of the Global War on Terrorism." She is currently writing her third book.

She said that setting goals begins with developing an action plan and stressed the importance of discovering personal vision and purpose early in one's career. Jenkins suggested creating achievable goals after diligent research, committing to your goals by signing a contract with yourself, and conducting periodic assessments.

"The greatest gift we can bestow on others is to inspire them to reach their highest potential in a field or endeavor of their choosing," said Jenkins.

On the topic of inspiration, Jenkins quoted the 15th century Italian Renaissance sculptor and painter, Michelangelo, who said,

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high, but that our aim is too low and we reach it."

In light of her experiences during her youth, Jenkins said she is grateful for having the opportunity to serve as a senior officer in the Air Force and "for being part of the world's greatest nation, which continues to serve as a beacon of freedom, democracy and opportunity for others around the world."

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Garcia talks to Sailors, Marines about 21st Century Sailor, Marine Initiative

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Juan M. Garcia III, the assistant secretary of the Navy for manpower and reserve affairs, spoke with Sailors and Marines serving in Hawaii during an "all hands" and Learn from the Leaders event Sept. 11 at Hickam Memorial Theater.

Garcia discussed the new national defense strategy, personnel policy changes, the enlisted retention board (ERB) and the 21st Century Sailor and Marine.

"The new national defense strategy the president and secretary of defense rolled out last January is about places like Pearl Harbor, looking to the



Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan M. Garcia III speaks with Sailors and Marines serving in Hawaii during an "all hands" address Sept. 11 at Hickam Memorial Theater at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

west, maintaining our presence in the gulf, but now rebalance and focus on the Pacific," said Garcia.

The secretary also dis-

cussed last year's ERB. Approximately 16,000 Sailors were reviewed; 3,000 were not retained. He stressed that separations

were in no way a reflection of the Sailors' performance. Many had one, two and three combat deployments under their belt.

Garcia noted that the level of retention is historic. They did everything to incentivize transfers from overmanned rates to undermanned rates to get the fleet in balance, he said.

Sailors affected by the ERB received separation pay and they and their families will maintain access to exchange and the commissary for two years, keep their health care for six months with the option to extend it another 18 months, and if they achieved 15 years of service by Sept. 1, they could qualify for early retirement.

"We're not going to ERB this year. We are not going to ERB next year. There's no plan to ERB again. The idea was that this is a one-time only evolution to break through this check point, to get our force back

in balance," said Garcia.

Garcia highlighted the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative and its five key areas: readiness, safety, physical fitness, inclusion and continuum of service. It is a set of policies and objectives, both new and existing, designed to maximize personal readiness and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Department of the Navy.

The objective is to provide Sailors, Marines and their families with the tools needed to face the challenges of the 21st century and to help Sailors and Marines preserve the skills and talents they bring to the fight.

For more information on the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, visit <http://www.21stcentury.navy.mil>.

Commentary

Hispanic Heritage: A great and towering legacy

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

From mid-September to mid-October, we celebrate Hispanic heritage and consider the richness of many cultures, countries and people of Hispanic origin, all of whom make our national heritage stronger.

This is an opportunity for those of us in the Navy to reflect on the deep roots Hispanic heritage has in our history, starting with the first full admiral in the United States Navy, Adm. Glasgow David Farragut, promoted to that rank by President Abraham Lincoln.

Farragut's father was a Sailor, too. He served as

captain of a Spanish merchant ship around the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico when the United States declared its independence from Britain in 1776.

As a midshipman only

12 years old, David Farragut sailed aboard the 32-gun frigate USS Essex during the War of 1812 to stop the British from interfering with American commerce on the seas.

Adm. Farragut became part of Navy lore during the Civil War when, as a commodore, he achieved victory over the Confederate Navy in New Orleans in 1862. Two years later in his victory at Mobile Bay, Ala., he inspired his crew, his Navy and the entire Union with those famous words, "Damn the torpedoes – all ahead full."

Adm. Farragut is one example – a great and towering example – of the heroism of many Hispanic Americans in service to our nation. There are 39 Hispanic Americans who

have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, more than any other identifiable ethnic group.

Each of us can look at the lives and legacies of the heroes who came before us as we dedicate ourselves to the values that unite us all and the core values that guide us every day.

We are reminded of another less well-known quote by Adm. Farragut: "First be sure you are right, then go ahead."

We are stronger as a team when we consider our core values of honor, courage and commitment, never abandoning the ideals that bind us as a Navy and a nation, mindful of the great and towering legacy that makes us all stronger.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebration planned for Sept. 21

A Hispanic Heritage Month celebration will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. today at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Planned activities include a speech by the keynote speaker, Capt. Robert A. Espinosa, former chief of staff, Navy Region Hawaii.

The national anthem will be performed by vocalist Sr. Airman Letha Brown.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam ceremonial

guard will parade and retire the colors.

Capt. Sal Aguilera will perform the invocation and benediction. Following the official ceremony, refreshments and a dance exhibition will take place at the chapel lanai.

For more information and to participate, call committee chairman QM1 (SW) Julian Pardal at 474-0302 or email julian.pardal1@navy.mil.

Hispanic heritage meal to be served Sept. 21

Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley will serve a "Hispanic heritage meal" from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today.

Military personnel, their immediate family, retirees and Department of Defense personnel are invited.

The discounted rate is \$3.90 (family member with valid ID card in grades E-1 to E-4.) The standard rate is \$4.55.

For more information, call the Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley at 473-2519 or 473-2948.

DOD recognizes Hispanic-American achievements

Terri Moon Cronk

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) – National Hispanic Heritage Month gives the Defense Department (DoD) an opportunity to recognize the significant contributions made by the nation's Hispanic-Americans, said Stephanie Miller, DOD's diversity management director.

The observance, which began Sept. 15 and runs to Oct. 15, also provides the department with an opportunity to reflect on diversity and inclusiveness, Miller said during a Sept. 11 American Forces Press Service interview.

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said diversity is important to the department's mission success and inclusion for military and civilian workers.

Not only does that bring a variety of background skills, language and cultural competencies the DOD will need in the 21st century, Miller

said, but diversity also fosters an environment in which people feel they can achieve whatever they want.

"There are no barriers standing in the way of their personal success," she added.

Census figures for 2009 show more than 50 million Hispanics live in the United States, making them the largest minority group.

In 2011, Hispanics comprised 11 percent of active-duty military and nearly 17 percent of new recruits, Miller said.

"Reflective of the nation, the Hispanic population for both military and civilians has continued to grow, particularly in the last decade since 9/11, in critical areas such as science, technology, engineering and math fields where we know there will be advancement opportunities," Miller said.

Pentagon officials are excited about the growth of Hispanic-Americans and what they will continue to achieve, she added.

"As National Hispanic Heritage Month has evolved from just a week in the 1960s to the month-long recognition event in the late 1980s, so too has the recognition for Hispanic-Americans (in DOD)," Miller said.

Military leaders provide outreach programs in the Hispanic community, Miller added.

"We're very well-received in the Hispanic community," she said. "It's amazing to see some of our uniformed service members, especially junior officers and the junior enlisted, getting to engage with Hispanic high school or college youths."

"We have folks who go out and compete in rocket competitions and help (with) simulator experiences," Miller said. "It gives (Hispanic-Americans) a broader view of what opportunities are inside DOD in uniform and as civilians. It's a unique way of recognizing the population and how much we value that presence within the department."

Legal office transition to take place on Oct. 1

The Navy-Air Force Legal Assistance Office will transition from Naval Legal Service Office Pacific (NLSO) to Region Legal Service Office Hawaii (RLSO) on Oct. 1.

The offices will remain in building 1746 at Pearl-Harbor Hickam, but will transition to expanded spaces on the first deck.

From Sept. 26-28, legal assistance will be moving files, computers and setting up new client intake facilities. The office is committed to providing some services during the move, but will be operating with reduced staff. Therefore, notary and power of attorney services will be offered, but no other walk-in services will be available. Legal assistance will operate out of building 1746's court room.

Signs will be posted with directions. It is the office's goal to make this change transparent to all Airmen, Sailors and families the office supports.

The office will continue to offer the same level and types of services. As a reminder, the legal assistance office provides help to service members, dependents and retirees with a variety of legal issues, including family law (divorce, custody, child support, paternity), consumer law, landlord tenant, estate planning (wills and related documents), powers of attorney and notary services.

The appointment phone number will remain 808-473-4717. As of Oct. 1, the hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Diverse Views

Which Hispanic American (living or dead) do you admire the most? Why?

Tech. Sgt. William Shaffner
792 Intelligence Support Squadron

"Edward James Olmos — outstanding actor and community activist."



Julie Rose Vinluan
Navy Exchange Mall at Pearl Harbor

"My parents, Julio and Rosalee. They were always very supportive of me."



Capt. Bergina Glass
15th Medical Operations Squadron

"Henry Cisneros — former mayor of San Antonio, Texas. Fair and honest."



Opticalman (Striker) Seaman Keith Woodcock
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"Edward James Olmos, because I liked watching him on 'Battlestar Galatica.'"



Cadet Elizabeth Viernes
Air Force ROTC Det. 175,
University of Hawaii

"Selena — determined, awesome singer and role model."



Operations Specialist Seaman Simone Ridgell
USS Hopper (DDG-70)

"Carlos Noriega. I admire him because he was both a Marine Corps pilot and an astronaut."



(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and Brandon Bosworth)

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share? Drop us a line at editor@hookelenews.com or karen.spangler@navy.mil

Sailors serve on USS El Paso



Mexican-American Sailors are positioned on the gangway of the USS El Paso (LKA-117) in 1973. National Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15 and will be commemorated through Oct. 15.

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Underwater Construction Team 2 conducts assessment of USS Arizona Memorial dock

MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

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Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2 from Port Hueneme, Calif. conducted an assessment of the chains holding the dock next to the USS Arizona Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 11.

"Today we're taking a look at the dock supports, basically cleaning, inspecting and mapping out the dock supports," said Billy Crowe, National Park Service diver for the World War II Valor in the Pacific museum.

"Our dock is listing a little bit, and I believe at some point here the dock is going to be replaced,

and this is basically preparation for that," he said.

This is the first time this unit has been able to dive the memorial, a moment they shared on the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

"I've never dove the Arizona, so it's kind of a once in a lifetime thing," said Steelworker 1st Class Nathan Terrazas. "September 11th has significance ... so it's awesome to be a part of this and help the park service out and be able to be there for them when they need us."

The divers also had a chance to take a guided tour with the park service divers to see the wreckage of the Arizona under water.

"It was mostly a work dive," Crowe said. "But we did what we

call a resource orientation, which basically means we swam around the wreck and then let them have a look at it."

UCT 2 was established as an independent unit of the Naval Construction Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. The team's mission is to provide a responsive military capability for underwater and waterfront engineering, construction and repair in support of Navy and Marine Corps operations.

U.S. Navy photo MC2 Daniel Barker

Seabee divers from Underwater Construction Team (UCT) TWO, accompanied by divers from the National Park Service, inspect and clean chains used as part of the USS Arizona Memorial platform for visitors exiting and boarding the ferries.



New USS Russell chiefs reflect on legacy ceremony and naval heritage

Lt. j.g. Mary Witkowski

USS Russell (DDG 59)
Public Affairs Officer

First opened in 2007, the Battleship Missouri CPO Legacy Center serves to commemorate the heritage of the chief petty officer through the preservation of the monument itself, as well as the training of its living history: chief selectees.

From Aug. 26-31, three chief petty officer selectees from USS Russell (DDG 59) embarked on a life-changing, five-day journey as members of Legacy Academy Class 007. The training and experiences will remain with them throughout their careers.

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Stanley W. Miller reflected on his experiences. "To me the tradition of not only the Legacy Academy but the entire induction pro-



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees in the CPO Legacy Academy participate in a graduation ceremony for class 007 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

cess is about keeping history alive, ensuring that what [it] has taken to get our military and our country to where it is today is never forgotten."

"It's about putting that little spark into our Sailors about our history and getting them to go out and learn more, realizing that it's not boring history but a sense of pride and heritage of where we came from," he said.

Miller added that the most meaningful part of the Legacy Academy training was the opportunity to live aboard Missouri and learn from its dedicated staff and honored guests.

His biggest lesson so far? "Learning that not knowing everything all the time is far more acceptable than shooting from the hip about things you don't know. If you don't

know, then tell your Sailors. 'I don't know, but I will find out for you,' and then make sure you do find out. Communication is the foundation for everything we do," Miller explained.

For Chief Electrician's Mate Daniel R. Moore, learning how World War II affected Hawaii was the most compelling component of his Legacy Academy experience.

"I truly enjoyed learning about the people who served on the ships (and the ships themselves) stationed in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 when Japan attacked," he said.

"It is vital that we as leaders pass down our history and preserve it through training. For instance, USS Arizona was sunk in nine minutes. This is one of the reasons we must set [material condition] zebra in seven minutes," he said.

In addition to learning more about the Navy's history, he also enjoyed retired Senior Chief Brooks Outland's speech on leadership and the recounting of his experiences onboard the "Mighty Mo" where he served from 1950-52. "Getting to hear the stories of valor of those commanding officers, chiefs and crewmen who sacrificed their lives to save more crew members—

then going down to the spaces and actually seeing how the ammunition was loaded into the turrets—was something that I will remember forever," said Moore.

What does he look forward to most about being a chief petty officer? "Passing down to my Sailors what I have learned in my career, not just through the induction process," Moore said.

"It is an honor to be responsible for passing down our heritage. It's about taking that troubled Sailor and mentoring them and then having the chance to see the change in them, then watching them get advanced and excel," he said.

Moore reflected on the importance of teamwork and community for the Navy. "We cannot accomplish anything of consequence alone. We need teamwork to accomplish the impossible," he said.

NAVFAC Hawaii gets new leader

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cultural sites.

"But with all the accolades and accomplishments, John remains a people person," said Ponds. "John is a person who is not afraid to let his team take the lead on challenging and sensitive jobs with a certainty and confidence they will get it done, and they will get it done right."

At NAVFAC Hawaii, Coronado made communications with his employees a priority and safety a visible and obvious commitment. Speaking at meetings, communicating through emails and letters and intranet postings, he reached out to talk to his personnel, answer their questions, ease their fears and frustrations, and continuously looked for more opportunities to do so. Through his leadership, the command made significant advancements in strengthening its safety program and its reputation as a safe place to work.

Coronado's next duty assignment will be at U.S. Pacific Fleet in Hawaii.

Williamson, a native of Wilmington,

Del., holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and a master's degree in systems management from the Naval Post Graduate School. He also attended the University of Virginia Darden Business School Executive Education Program.

Before reporting to NAVFAC Hawaii, Williamson's previous assignment was as officer in charge of construction, Marine Corps Installation West in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

As commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii, Williamson assumes command of a large industrial employer in the state of Hawaii, dedicated to delivering best-value acquisition, engineering, environmental, planning and public works services to Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Department of Defense and other federal agency customers.

He will lead a total workforce of approximately 1,600 highly-skilled civilians and 228 Navy and Air Force military personnel.

ORE focused on testing abilities during exercise

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standards and evaluation for the 15th Operations Group, part of these duties included generating the ability to maintain air superiority.

"The big things that this exercise is evaluating are: our abilities to launch and recover aircraft, set up a base station, and set up some kind of command and control leadership element," he said. "We also have to be able to generate aircraft with aircrew flight equipment, maintenance, airfield management, current operations and all the different pieces that have to come together to launch a crew."

As a total force exercise, both active duty and guard players got the opportunity to benefit from each other's experience while responding to exercise injects.

"Not everyone gets a chance

to work in these kinds of situations every day," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hinojosa, 15th Operations Support Squadron C-17 Globemaster III aircrew flight equipment operations NCO-in-charge. "This has definitely been a good learning experience for both sides as far as what the other side brings to the plate and sharing lessons learned."

Tauber said that while the exercise was successful in itself, it also creates a foundation for other learning opportunities in the future.

"The planes got off, they completed their missions successfully, and we did it in a safe manner," Tauber said. "There were some challenges, but we learned a great deal about the road ahead and some things that we need to do better from a ground war perspective specifically. Overall the exercise was a pos-

itive effort and a success as far as finding out what we need to do to go forward," he said.

While Baize praised the players for the "exponential way" they evolved and grew during the course of the exercise, he also stressed the urgency involved with ensuring both individuals and units are ready to respond to contingency operation requirements.

"The reason we train is because we could end up having to do this next week," Baize said. "This is something that we're tasked with being proficient enough to accomplish at any time without the luxury of having three weeks to get everything together and figure out what to do ... we exercise so we get all of that out of the way. We show that we can perform so when that day does come, our guys are ready to go," Baize said.

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Exercise participants stay low under "Alarm Red, Mission-Oriented Protective Posture 4" conditions during an operational readiness exercise scenario Sept. 13 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The exercise's participants were tested on their ability to properly react to a broad range of scenarios and environmental conditions.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

(Right) A visitor at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange views an American tribute flag on display. The flag was presented to Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific during a 9/11 Sunset Remembrance Ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Memorial hosted by the Gear Up Foundation. The flag displays the names of the victims of the 9/11 attacks and the first responders who have died post 9/11.

Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Visual Team



(Left) Avery Morgan, daughter of Lt. Paul Morgan, receives her first vegetable cutting lesson from celebrity chef Robert Irvine. Irvine signed autographs and provided a cooking demonstration for service members and their families as part of an Armed Forces Entertainment-sponsored tour at the Pacific Missile Range Facility.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf

(Below) Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, awards Sailors with their craft master qualification pins at a ceremony held Sept. 10 at Merry Point. Craft masters pilot the Arizona Memorial tour boats that take visitors to and from the memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by Brandon Bosworth



Military personnel from JBPHH and other volunteers in partnership with the Hawaii Nature Center pulled invasive weeds at Pouhala Marsh adjacent to Pearl Harbor on Sept. 15 for the benefit of endangered birds and ducks. Pouhala Marsh is the largest of the remaining wetland habitats in Pearl Harbor and important for the endangered Hawaiian stilt.

Photo by Kelvin Char

Fabrication begins on future USS John Finn

Team Ships Public Affairs

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (NNS) – Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) marked the start of fabrication on the future USS John Finn (DDG 113) on Sept. 10, signifying the first 100 tons of steel cut for the Navy's latest ship in the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer program.

John Finn will be the first ship in the DDG 51 program restart and the 29th DDG 51-class destroyer built at HII.

"This ship, and the Arleigh Burke-class destroyers that follow her, represent the next chapter in this extremely successful shipbuilding program," said Capt. Mark Vandroff, DDG 51 class program manager, program executive office (PEO) ships. "These ships provide superior combat capability at an affordable price to our nation."

The Navy awarded HII a detail design and construction contract for DDG 113 on June 15, 2011. Currently, the Navy has four Arleigh Burke-class destroyers under contract: DDG 113 and DDG 114 at HII and DDG 115 and DDG 116 at General Dynamics Bath Iron Works.

The Navy is relying on a stable and mature infrastructure while increasing the ship's air and missile defense capabilities through spiral upgrades to the weapons and sensor suites. All of these flight IIA destroyers will be delivered with integrated air and missile defense



(Now deceased), retired Lt. John W. Finn takes a ride Dec. 6, 2009 on the USS Arizona Memorial White Boat John W. Finn named for him.

(IAMD) capability.

DDG 51 class ships are multi-mission surface combatants designed to perform in anti-air, surface and subsurface environments. These destroyers are equipped with the Navy's Aegis combat system, the world's foremost integrated naval weapon system.

DDG 113 is expected to deliver in early 2016 and is named after John William Finn, a Sailor in the U.S. Navy who received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor in World War II.

As a chief aviation ordnanceman stationed at Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay, he earned the medal by manning a machine gun from an exposed position throughout the attack,

despite being repeatedly wounded. At the time of his death in May 2010, Finn was the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient and the last living recipient from the attack on Pearl Harbor.

As one of the Defense Department's largest acquisition organizations, PEO ships, an affiliated PEO of the Naval Sea Systems Command, is responsible for executing the development and procurement of all major surface combatants, amphibious ships, special mission and support ships, and special warfare craft.

Currently, the majority of shipbuilding programs managed by PEO ships benefit from serial production efficiencies, which are critical to delivering ships on cost and schedule.

Patrol Squadron Nine Golden Eagles' help clean Djibouti wildlife rescue

Lt. j.g. Nicholas Henderson

Patrol Squadron Nine Public Affairs

DJIBOUTI, AFRICA – Twenty-one personnel from Patrol Squadron Nine Golden Eagle's (VP-9) Djibouti detachment site recently volunteered their time to brave the 110-degree heat and thorn-laden acacia trees to help pick up trash at the Djibouti DECAN Refuge. Djibouti's DECAN (Decouvrier et Aider la Nature—Discover and Aid Nature) refuge is not a zoo; it is a non-profit organization run by local Djiboutians with French and American volunteers. The organization takes in animals that have been illegally kept as pets or that have been confiscated by police being smuggled across the borders from Ethiopia or Somalia for export in the exotic animal trade.

"All of the animals in the refuge are or were indigenous to Djibouti," said Scott Johnson, volunteer coordinator and guide. "One of DECAN's primary goals is to educate Djiboutian school children on the value of preserving their natural heritage," he continued. "Unfortunately, many of the animals here, such as lions and cheetahs, are no longer present in the wild in Djibouti due to competition with humans who perceived them as a threat to their livestock." VP-9's volunteers spent approximately two hours collecting trash around the refuge, reducing local pollution and enhancing the natural scenery. All invasive plant species have been eradicated from the refuge's grounds, so the Golden Eagles were able to see what Djibouti looks like in its natural state.

Lt. j.g. Nathan Durham, who organized the event, was happy to give his time to a good cause. "Volunteering is always a good

use of time," he said. "It's nice to be able to help out when the opportunity arises."

Lt. Cmdr. Chris Dudley was also pleased with the turnout and the Golden Eagles' eagerness to help. "I've been proud of this detachment from day one, and it's great to see Sailors taking time on one of their few days off here to give back to our host nation," he said.

After the trash collection, Johnson gave the Golden Eagles a behind-the-scenes tour of the refuge. Highlights included an up-close-and-personal visit with two four-month-old cheetahs and a look at the refuge's family of four African lions.

"I can't believe how big the lions are," said Aircrewman Operator 2nd Class Michael Benefield. "They don't look that huge on TV." The gazelles that roamed freely around the refuge were also a big hit and posed patiently for pictures with many VP-9 personnel.

"I'd like to thank Mr. Johnson for this great opportunity," said Dudley. "I think we'll be back again soon."

Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) is stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and is currently forward-deployed. The squadron is better known as the "Golden Eagles" and flies the P-3C Orions. The P-3C is a land-based platform and the Navy's premier long-range maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, operating from locations throughout the world.

Missions range from submarine tracking to search and rescue, as well as overland missions, working alongside Navy, Army or Marine ground units.

More information can be found at the website <http://www.vp9.navy.mil/> or on Facebook.

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Resident Energy Conservation program initiated at Hickam Communities

Hickam Communities

In compliance with Department of Defense (DOD) guidelines Hickam Communities initiated the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) in May of this year. This program starts with energy conservation statements for each metered home in the community.

This is a "mock bill" that shows residents their actual monthly electrical usage. These statements are informational, designed to introduce residents to the program, and allows residents to learn about their family's monthly energy usage and utility allowance (UA).

The objective of this program is to promote energy conservation in support of Air Force and DOD goals to reduce energy consumption and preserve natural resources. There is a benefit to residents who use less than their monthly utility allowance. These residents will be rewarded with rebates on the unused portion of their allowance after this program goes "live."

Hickam Communities is responsible for implementing and managing the program on behalf of the Air Force. Hickam Communities has contracted with Minol USA to set up and manage this program. Minol is one of the nation's largest and most experienced utility management and billing companies. Minol currently serves more than 19 separate Air Force projects and prepares utility billings for more than 44,000 military units nationwide.

To begin, each home is placed into a "profile" which is a group of similar homes. Profiles are based on bedroom count, similar square footage, age or year built and type of construction including how many floors. Each metered home on base has been assigned a profile.

The Air Force program requires that service members receive a utility allowance (UA) monthly. Once a profile is established, the homes within that group

have their utility usage calculated and averaged. To calculate, a minimum of 12 months of historical data is required. Once an average is calculated, it is then multiplied by the commodity rate and increased by a buffer of 10 percent.

The resulting figure becomes the UA for that profile of homes. The UA is calculated annually and divided into 12 equal monthly segments. The UA amount is listed on the monthly billing statement.

Prior to beginning the program in May, some of the homes have had operating

electrical meters for over three years where actual usage data has been gathered.

Delivery of energy conservation statements began in May and are being rolled out by neighborhoods, throughout the summer months. The numbers in June had 1,717 statements issued. A breakdown of those statements showed that 84 percent of residents either met their utility allowance (UA) or would have received rebates.

In fact, 48 percent would have received rebates if the program was "live." The

remaining residents, or roughly 16 percent, would have owed payments for exceeding their monthly utility allowance.

How to Read Your Statement

Statements can be confusing. We have put together this helpful guide to make reading your statement as easy as possible.

Mock Statement Example:

Example of remittance slip. In live billing, this would be sent to Minol with your payment. If a Rebate is due to you, this portion will be your check.

Important: The amount due is accumulated. No payment is expected or rebate given until the balance or credit has reached \$50 or more.

During Mock billing, residents should verify their name and address is correct.

Statement activity since previous billing cycle.

This section will show the current charges in detail. Please note the service dates.

Six months history of account billing.

The meter read detail portion will show the residents meter ID#, along with reads and usage compared to the previous month.

This water detail portion is for informational purposes only, as residents are currently not billed for their usage.

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help!

During "mock billing" there are two primary objectives. The first objective is to work out issues related to profile groups, meter equipment, as well as finding possible equipment issues within the home. The second is to partner with residents to answer questions about the program and provide information on how to help reduce their family's energy consumption.

It is important to know that not all residents will be receiving statements.

Homes that have not been renovated do not currently have meters. There are also some renovated homes that are still awaiting meter installation. As these homes become metered they will be added to the RECP program. All of the metered homes will be receiving monthly statements from Minol.

Understanding your conservation statement

Residents are highly encouraged to review their energy conservation/mock billing statements and ask questions. Some key items to look for on the statement: verify the name and address are correct; find your UA amount; find the start and end read from your individual meter; find the amount your family consumed.

Residents who use less energy than their UA will receive the difference in the form of a rebate check. These checks are paid after a resident accumulates \$50 or more in their account. Residents can also choose to let these rebates accumulate in their account to cover months when perhaps they exceed the UA to help offset

the payment. If a resident exceeds their monthly UA, they are responsible to reimburse the difference, again only after an accumulation of \$50 or more is reached. To put it into a better perspective, nationwide more than 75 percent of military homes within the RECP program end up either owing nothing or receiving a rebate each month.

Hickam Communities is seeing an even higher amount at 84 percent. It is important to remember that during the "mock billing" period, the statements you receive are informational and no monies are due, nor are rebates paid.

Another feature of the statements includes details on water consumption.

The homes are also equipped with individual water meters which measure the family's usage. Though water is not currently part of the RECP program, it is included to allow residents to be aware of their family's consumption and hopefully work toward conservation of this resource.

Where to go for help

Residents can log on to Minol's website at www.minolusa.com or contact their resident customer care center at 1-888-636-0493 with questions and concerns. The care center is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can also email Minol at militaryhousing@minolusa.com.

For more information or assistance email AskUs@hickamcommunities.com.