

USS Paul Hamilton returns home to Pearl Harbor



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The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) returned to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 24 following a nine-month deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility.

"We have been gone 277 days and we are just thrilled to be home to the Navy's best homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii," said Cmdr. Luke Frost, commanding officer of Paul Hamilton.

"We couldn't be prouder of the ship, but we always said this ship is not the 505 feet of steel but it's the 298 Sailors that bring it to life. We are just absolutely proud of every Sailor today, great day for the ship and the families, and we are proud to be home," Frost said.

Paul Hamilton departed Pearl Harbor Sept. 21, 2012 and has operated in the U.S. 5th and U.S.

7th Fleet areas of responsibility, conducting operations supporting regional security and counter-terrorism as well as combating criminal maritime operations.

"This was my first deployment. It was longer than a normal deployment for a first one," said Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Augudelo.

"It was different. I've been to places I have never been to before, traveled the world, and that's what I wanted to do when I joined the Navy."

The deployment also included port visits to Malaysia, Thailand, Bahrain and the Philippines, where more than 20 Filipino-American Sailors were able to spend time with their families and friends who live there.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, gave a Bravo Zulu message to the crew of Paul Hamilton. In the message, Ponds commended them on their overall pride and professionalism, operational excel-

lence, and exemplary conduct while representing the U.S. Navy and the nation in the completion of their deployment.

"It is a fitting opportunity for me to express sincere appreciation for the outstanding job you and your crews are doing in executing our missions at sea and ashore. I want you to know that the sacrifices of your Sailors and their families is not lost on those of us back home. On behalf of all Americans, I thank you all for keeping our nation safe," Ponds said in his message.

As the ship returned to Pearl Harbor, it flew a 242-foot homeward bound pennant along with the national ensign. The pennant is traditionally flown after a ship has spent 270 or more uninterrupted days underway. Each foot represents the number of Sailors aboard during that time.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

(Above left) The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) returns to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Above right) Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Creed Welch, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), meets his newborn baby upon the ship's arrival to homeport Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a nine-month deployment.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare combatants that operate independently for the support of carriers and expeditionary

and surface strike groups. USS Paul Hamilton is one of 11 surface combatants assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Destroyer Squadron 31.

15th Operations Group welcomes new commander



(Above left) Col. Michael Merritt, incoming 15th Operations Group (OG) commander, renders his first salute to the 15 OG Airmen after taking command. (Above right) Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, pins a Legion of Merit medal on Col. Dan Baldessari, 15th Operations Group commander, prior to his change of command ceremony.

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15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Operations Group (15 OG) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam officially changed hands June 21.

Col. Michael Merritt assumed command from Col. Dan Baldessari at a change-of-command ceremony held at the Missing Man formation.

"Leading and working with the magnificent Airmen of the 15th Operations Group has been an honor beyond compare," said Baldessari before handing over the guidon. "Each and every Airman in the group executes their diverse mission sets with precision, passion and pride," he said.

"These extraordinary Airmen, in concert with our Hawaii Air National Guard and active-duty partners, have produced exceptional

results across the Pacific and worldwide. It has been a rare privilege for my family and I to be associated with each and every one of these amazing Airmen for the past two years, and I am supremely confident they will continue to excel in the months and years ahead."

During the ceremony, Baldessari was presented the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service and accomplishments as commander of the 15 OG.

Just before relinquishing command, Baldessari thanked his special guests, 15th Wing leadership, 15 OG leadership, his fellow group commanders, Friends of Hickam visitors and his family. He reserved a special thank you for 15 OG Airmen, to whom he referred to as extraordinary while expressing his appreciation for their hard work during his two years in command.

Merritt comes to Team Hickam from the 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Okla. where he served as the special assistant to the commander.

As the new 15 OG commander, Merritt is charged with ensuring the combat readiness of more than 300 personnel assigned to five operational squadrons.

He will oversee operations at the largest joint-use airfield in the United States and execute Total Force combat/peacetime C-17, KC-135 and F-22 global operations while providing C-37 and C-40 executive airlift for the U.S. Pacific Command commander, U.S. Forces Korea commander, Pacific Air Forces commander and other senior military leaders.

Merritt said he looks forward to working with the men and women of the 15 OG and fostering good relations among his HIANG counterparts.

JPPSO and housing office announce reduced hours for furlough period

Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

Beginning July 8, the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office/Personal Property Division-Hawaii (JPPSO/PPD-HI), the Housing Services Center (HSC) at Moanalua Shopping Center and the Hickam Housing Management Office will close all day on Mondays.

The Monday closures will be in effect for 11 weeks from July 8 through Sept. 30.

The closure is due to the Office of Secretary of Defense's (OSD)

decision to proceed with furloughs of civilian employees. Due to continuing sequestration and continuing resolution impacts, civilian furloughs are being implemented.

The furloughs will impact the delivery of household goods services to all military and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians who are executing moves this summer as well as services at the housing offices.

The JPPSO staff is aware that the Monday closures will create additional stress and pressure on military members and their families as they prepare to move this

summer. They ask for everyone to try to prepare as far in advance as they can, to submit their applications early, and remain flexible with pack out and pick up dates.

According to JPPSO representatives, those who are moving can expedite matters by visiting the website move.mil and register for an account and submit their movement information electronically.

Once they have submitted their information, the JPPSO/PPD-HI staff can review the online applications and coordinate with the service members electronically.

The Monday closures will be in

effect at the Housing Services Center (HSC) located at 4825 Bougainville Drive in the Moanalua Navy Service area and the Hickam Housing

Management Office (HMO) located at 200 Kokomalei St. on Hickam.

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Instead of using your A/C, open your windows and enjoy the fresh air and the tradewinds.

Circulate the air with fans.



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USS Jacksonville returns to Hawaii

Story and photo by
MC2 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific
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Friends and families of the crew of USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) gathered at the submarine piers June 18 to welcome back the Los Angeles-class submarine as it returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

"I am incredibly proud of the crew of the warship Jacksonville. These Sailors have impressed me from day one, and I could not be more proud of their outstanding efforts," said Cmdr. Richard Seif, Jacksonville's commanding officer.

"Their sustained forward presence in two different theaters contributed significantly to the Navy's combat readiness and our nation's security," said Seif.

During the deployment, 31 Sailors earned their designation as qualified in submarines and now wear their dolphin warfare insignia.

Along with this accomplishment, more than 60 Sailors also qualified in their senior watch stations.

Seif said that despite half of the crew

being on their very first deployment, they are an experienced team of professional submariners and it is really an honor to lead them.

He added that despite the challenges of deployment, the crew could not have done it without the tremendous strength, love and support of the Jacksonville families. "I'd like to especially thank our command ombudsman, Kim Cowdrey, and the family readiness group for their outstanding support," he said.

When the deployment was finally complete, the crew came home to a waiting crowd of smiling families and friends at the pier.

"It's great to be back home. The Sailors and their families are all looking forward to a well deserved stand down," said Sief.

As for the families, many could not hold back their joy and relief.

"I am super proud of him. He has done a fantastic job. It's been a long, tough deployment, but he's home and I'm happy," said Jackie Combs, a Jacksonville spouse.

Commissioned in May 1981, Jacksonville is named for Jacksonville, Fla. Nicknamed "The Bold One," it is a Los Angeles-class, nuclear attack submarine that is 360-feet long and displaces 6,900 tons. It can be fitted with Mk-48 torpedoes and harpoon missiles.



Chief Machinist's Mate Bruce Cowdrey of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) hugs his daughter Brittany following the return of the submarine to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 18 after completing a deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

Aussie, Chung-Hoon Sailors trade places during Pacific Bond to enhance capabilities



Royal Australian Navy Leading Seaman Adam Doolan (center) takes the helm aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) while Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Terrance Williams (right) and Seaman Arneisha Perea observe.

Lt. j.g. Mallory K. Tokunaga

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)

The Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) swapped 10 crew members with Royal Australian navy (RAN) guided-missile frigate HMAS Sydney (FFG 03) on June 23 in support of Pacific Bond 2013 to enhance intership operability and foster camaraderie.

Cross-decking, temporarily exchanging crew members at sea, provides an opportunity for Sailors to get exposure to different platforms, examine how they operate, and expand their professional experience.

Each participant spent the day touring the ship and meeting the crew with an emphasis focused on the command and control stations responsible for conducting underway operations, especially those that play a heavy role in events during Pacific Bond.

"[The visit] gave us a good look at how our allies operate at sea," said Lt.j.g. Beth Reed, Chung-Hoon's anti-submarine warfare (ASW) officer, embarked on Sydney. "It helped us to better understand each other when operating in a tactical environment and gave us a look into the culture of the Australian navy."

RAN Leading Seaman Electronic Warfare Jess Smith, one of the Australian sailors who toured Chung-Hoon, was able to meet U.S. Navy counterparts involved in the electronic warfare community. After spending time with watchstanders in the combat information center on Chung-Hoon, Smith marveled at the similarities between the two ships.

"We basically have the same job, use the

same equipment, and use the same techniques," said Smith.

Ensign Augustus Karisch, Chung-Hoon's strike warfare officer, also gained a further insight embarked aboard HMAS Sydney.

"We are practicing ways to work together to achieve the same objectives," said Karisch. "We aren't just working with other ships. We are working with people inside those ships, too."

The exchange revealed similarities not only in professional duties of each person, but the seemingly universal challenges and triumphs of life at sea.

RAN Able Seaman Maritime Logistics Steward Angela Stephenson found that many of her thoughts, while at sea, are no different from Sailors aboard Chung-Hoon.

"It's funny," said Stephenson. "Eventually you stop talking about the ship and start talking about how much you miss your family and friends back home."

Pacific Bond is a multi-national naval exercise designed to advance participating nations' military-to-military coordination and capacity to plan and execute tactical operations in a multi-warfare environment.

Participants in Pacific Bond 2013 include the guided-missile destroyers USS Preble (DDG 88) and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93); members of the forward deployed Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15; P-3C aircraft from Commander, Task Force 72; one submarine from Commander, Task Force 74; helicopters and personnel from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 and personnel from Naval Special Warfare Unit (NSWU) One joined forces with Royal Australian navy guided-missile frigate HMAS Sydney's (FFG 03) and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship, JS Murasame (DD 101).

Reduced hours begin July 8

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Services such as applications for housing, temporary lodging allowance (TLA) certification, waiting list management, loaner furniture and private market home finding services are limited to the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Military personnel are strongly encouraged to call well in advance of arrival for appointments.

The HSC is available at (808) 474-1820/1, HMO at (808) 448-0856, or through email at HawaiiHousing@Navy.mil.

The furlough and closure does not affect operations of Hickam Communities (HC) or Forest City Residential Management (FCRM), the JBPHH public private venture housing partners. (More information about reduction in services due to furloughs will be published in next week's Ho'okele.)

JBP HH to no longer issue DoD vehicle decals effective July 1

Grace Hew Len

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Effective July 1, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will no longer require, nor issue, Department of Defense (DoD) decals for privately owned vehicles (POV). As a result, the DoD vehicle decal sticker will not be required for access to JBP HH installations and annexes on Oahu. Currently approved credentials, such as the common access card or similar identification, will be required for access to JBP HH. Persons using POVs are still

required by state law and DoD regulations to maintain proof of insurance, registration and safety inspection documents. These items are subject to inspection and must be readily available.

A list of frequently asked questions can be found on the JBP HH website at www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam. For more information regarding vehicle decals or other services provided by the JBP HH Pass and ID office, contact them at 471-2131 or 471-3627.

Pass and ID office to reduce services/hours due to furloughs

Due to the upcoming fur-

loughs starting July 8 and ending Sept. 27, the pass and ID office and its annex pass and ID offices will reduce some of its services as well as change its operating hours.

The West Loch Annex Pass and ID office and the Wahiwawa Annex Pass and ID office will be closed on Fridays.

The Nimitz Pass and ID office will remain open on Fridays with limited services provided. On Fridays, it will only issue visitors/contractor passes and parking placards.

The Hickam O'Malley Gate visitor center will remain open 24 hours a

day, seven days a week.

Normal pass and ID operations will continue Monday through Thursday at all pass and ID locations.

Pass and ID office outlines services

The primary mission of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Pass and ID office is to process personnel access requests to the installation for personnel who do not have valid authorized base access credentials. The office is located in temporary buildings at the Ward Field/Bloch Arena parking lot outside Nimitz Gate while their

permanent building 3455 undergoes renovations.

The temporary pass and ID office provides the following services: Issuance of short and long-term/long-term visitor passes, issuance of gold cards and agent cards, application processing for RAPIDGate credentials, and vehicle registration in the Consolidated Law Enforcement Operation Center (CLEOC), and issuance of parking placards for personnel who are E9 and O6 and above.

All personnel requesting restricted area badges (RABs) should report to the pass and ID temporary

admin. office, building 1113 for RABs issuance during the hours of 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday.

To process access requests, the individual requesting access must have an authorized sponsor. Base access can be requested for contractors, visitors, guests, and family members who have a valid reason for base access to the installation.

All customers are asked to plan accordingly as wait times may increase compared with previous pass and ID visits. A follow-up announcement will be made upon completion of the project.

JBP HH to reserve parking spaces for Gold Star Family members

Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

By June 30, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, along with all other Navy installations, will implement designated parking spaces for Gold Star Family (GSF) members at various locations on base in order to recognize and honor these families.

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) is implementing the Gold Star parking spaces to

ensure family members (parents, siblings, spouses, and children) of active duty fallen Sailors have easy access to services at Navy installations.

By providing Gold Star program members with designated parking spaces, family members will be able to more easily access resources and support services.

"Navy Installations Command is dedicated to delivering on the promise of taking care of its own by providing support to surviv-

ing families of our fallen active duty military members. Though the family members have lost a loved one while serving our nation, we want our Gold Star Family members to know we (the Navy) are still here to support them," said Vice Adm. William French, commander, Navy Installations Command.

There will be a total of nine Gold Star Family members' designated parking spots at JBP HH: Three at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, one at the Hickam AAFES, one at the Hickam commissary, one at the Makalapa Clinic, one at Fleet and Family Support Center, one at the Air Mobility Command and one at the JBP HH Fitness Center.

Historically, mothers of fallen service members began calling themselves "Gold Star Mothers" during the First World War. Since 1936, the United States has been observing Gold Star Mothers Day on the last Sunday of September to honor these mothers.

In 1967, Congress stan-

dardized the service banners and established the Gold Star lapel pins to issue to immediate family members of service mem-

bers killed in combat, including those who have committed suicide in theater. The next of kin pin signifies a service-related

death or suicide during active duty other than combat. In 2010, Congress designated Dec. 18 as Gold Star Wives Day



Diverse Views

What's the best way to beat the heat, without using energy?

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Dameiono McMillan
Navy Operation Support Center (NOSC), Charlotte, N.C.

"When I'm at home, I'll open the windows and try cool off that way. If I'm outside I'll go to the pool to cool off also or just find a shaded place."

Airman 1st Class Vanessa Alonzo
561st Network Operations Squadron, Det. 1

"Try going to the pool or the library. The library almost always has air conditioning, and you can catch up on some studying or pick up a book."

Peter Aguinaldo
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Stay hydrated. Drink water all day."

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Gomez
HQ PACAF

"How about going to the beach, hanging out in the shade somewhere, or just doing nothing so you don't even use your physical energy."

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Ernest Charging
USS Port Royal (CG 73)

"Go outside each day to cool off, and get used to it."

Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MC2 Nardel Gervacio

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USS Lyman K. Swenson moves along Hawaii waters



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USS Lyman K. Swenson (DD-729) is shown underway off Oahu on March 16, 1970. In 1960-61, Lyman K. Swenson received an extensive modernization at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, California, under the "fleet rehabilitation and modernization" program.

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USS Michael Murphy Sailors serve community

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USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) Public Affairs

Sailors from USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) have given back to their Hawaii homeport in a variety of ways, performing restoration at a veteran's cemetery, feeding the homeless, and helping with local youth sports.

The Sailors spent Memorial Day at Oahu Cemetery in downtown Honolulu, landscaping military plots that have been owned by the Navy since 1935. The cemetery has grave markers from the 1800s with the most recent interment in 2002.

Michael Murphy's next community relations project was at River of Life, a homeless shelter located in the Chinatown area of

Honolulu. The Sailors served visitors plates of food at the shelter on June 4. It was the third visit to River of Life by the Michael Murphy crew.

Members of the Michael Murphy crew are also participating in an ongoing youth basketball program at the Filipino United Church of Christ located in Waipahu. Events are being held for elementary to high school students each weekend this summer at the church. The Sailors have helped teach clinics and referee games.

Operations Specialist 1st Class Riunite Izquierdo coordinates community service projects for the Michael Murphy. She said reaching out to Hawaii communities is important for the ship, a newly commissioned destroyer which has been homeported at Joint Base

Pearl Harbor-Hickam since November.

"We are very proud to call Pearl Harbor our homeport, and we want to be strong partners with the communities on the island," Izquierdo said.

"Performing community service not only gives back to residents of Oahu, but it really enriches the experiences for Sailors stationed at Pearl Harbor. We really get as much out of doing these projects as those we are working to help," Izquierdo said.

Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Cortney Lewis agreed. He helped straighten headstones at Oahu Cemetery and is a regular contributor to the basketball clinics.

"Being a Sailor is about service, both to your country and your community," Lewis said. "The residents



U.S. Navy photo by OS2 Phuong Nguyen

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of Oahu have done so much for us, welcoming us to the island and making this our

home. It's always an honor to go into the communities and work side-by-side with

ing the Michael Murphy, and work side-by-side with our neighbors."

Naval Special Warfare Command holds change of command ceremony

MC3 Paul Coover
Naval Special Warfare Command Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Brian L. Losey relieved Rear Adm. Sean A. Pybus as commander, Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC) during a change of command ceremony June 21 at Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado.

Adm. William H. McRaven, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. In his remarks, McRaven praised Pybus' leadership within Naval Special Warfare (NSW).

"In the midst of all the chal-

lenging times, Sean's SEALs, combatant-craft crewmen and NSW Sailors have contributed to the fight in Afghanistan, East Africa, Yemen, North Africa, the Philippines and countless other hot spots around the world," McRaven said. "We have earned a reputation that is unparalleled, primarily because Sean has led the effort to ensure we send the best selected, the best trained, the best equipped and the best supported Naval Special Warfare warriors ever."

Pybus will leave NSWC to command NATO's special operations headquarters in Brussels. He will be promoted to vice admiral in his new assignment.

"All good things must end and there are new beginnings

today," Pybus said.

McRaven said he was impressed by Pybus' efforts to take care of those under his command.

"His personal efforts regarding the preservation of the force and families and the success that accompanied the hard work made NSW the model program for the Navy and for U.S. Special Operations Command," McRaven said.

Losey said he was honored to take command from Pybus.

"The complex and dynamic security situations that are evolving around the world today will continue to call on the full extent of our commitment, our creativity and our adaptability," Losey said.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Megan Anuci

Adm. William H. McRaven looks on as Rear Adm. Brian L. Losey salutes Rear Adm. Sean A. Pybus during the Naval Special Warfare change of command ceremony at Naval Base Coronado.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, along with his wife Carol, is presented a certificate of commendation from Honolulu City Council members Kymberly Marcos Pine, Breene Harimoto (right) and Joey Manahan (far left). Ponds, whose change of command is scheduled for July 10, was commended for his service and contributions in Hawaii over the past two years.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Nardel Gervacio

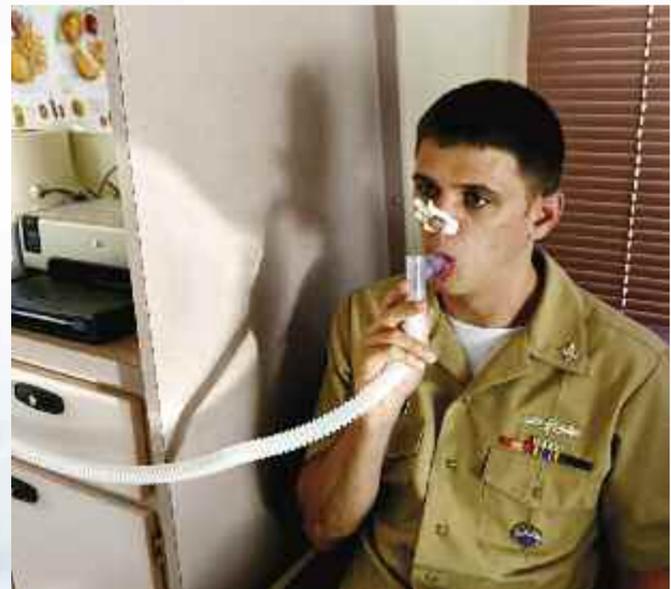
A U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band member entertains Tongan school children during a Pacific Partnership 2013 donation ceremony. Working at the invitation of each host nation, Pacific Partnership is joined by partner nations Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and New Zealand to strengthen disaster response preparedness around the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



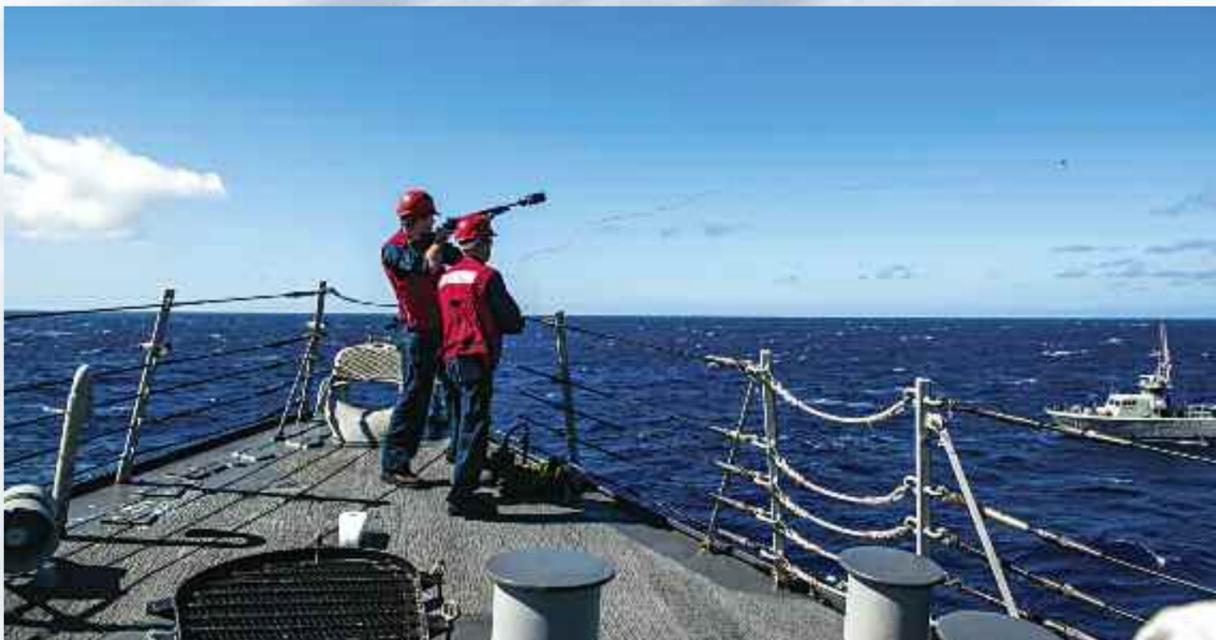
Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, along with Morris Tamanaha, regional dispatch center manager cut the ribbon on a *maile* lei during the re-opening of the regional dispatch center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. RDC provides access to fire, police, ambulance and emergency medical services on all military installations on Oahu.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio



Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Jacob Lambert, assigned to U.S. Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operation Center, uses an indirect calorimeter to check his metabolic rate during a wellness vehicle visit. The wellness vehicle is sponsored by the wellness center at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii to provide information about eating right, blood pressure, cholesterol and tobacco to commands throughout Oahu.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jerine Lee



USS O'Kane (DDG 77) maneuvers into position during a towing exercise (TOWEX) with WRB 101 south of Kauai, Hawaii as Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Travis Lloyd (left) and Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Griffin Vancil (right) fire a shot line from O'Kane's forecassle.

U.S. Navy photo by FC1 Shod Williams