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## Service members hold Run to Remember in memory of Operation Red Wings



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Service members and family members based in Hawaii, including Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), participate in a five-mile formation run from Ala Moana Park to the Operation Red Wings Medal of Honor Park. (See A-5 for additional photo)

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Service members based in Hawaii, including Sailors from Special Warfare Command and the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), participated in a memorial run June 28 to honor the fallen Sailors and Soldiers from Operation Red Wings.

This year marks the eighth anniversary of Operation Red Wings, which first took place on June 28, 2005. The operation claimed the lives of 11 SEALs and eight Army Nightstalkers in the Hindu

Kush of Afghanistan.

Lt. (SEAL) Michael P. Murphy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions that day, making him the first Navy Sailor to receive the award since the Vietnam War.

"Today we are running in remembrance of the Operation Red Wings," said Lt. Kurt Schulkitas, assigned to guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112).

"As a ship, we are very connected to the namesake. It is special to us, remembering what Michael Murphy means to us. We have a very strong connection with a SEAL [sea, air, land] team, and we wanted to come out and show our support for the team members and participate in

order to keep connected to the namesake of our ship," Schulkitas said.

More than 250 people registered to participate in the memorial run. The runners started at Ala Moana Beach Park and followed the streets of Waikiki to Diamond Head, ending at Operation Red Wings Medal of Honor Park.

The park received its official name on Veterans Day in 2008 and features a stone memorial listing the names of the fallen. The memorial served as a finishing point for the run with the participants paying their respects to the lost service members by placing their hand on the

stone upon crossing the finishing line.

"This is my first time doing it," said Yeoman 2nd Class Jasmine Rigsby, assigned to Naval Special Warfare Group Three, Logistics and Support Unit. "I participated because I know how it feels to lose a fellow Sailor. This is my contribution to everybody who knows someone who was lost. It's a small Navy and we need to take care of each other."

Following the completion of the run, a brief ceremony and moment of silence was observed and was followed by the placement of traditional Hawaiian lei on the

memorial stone.

This year's event also included a special commemoration in memory of a Navy SEAL who went missing during training exercises in February 2013.

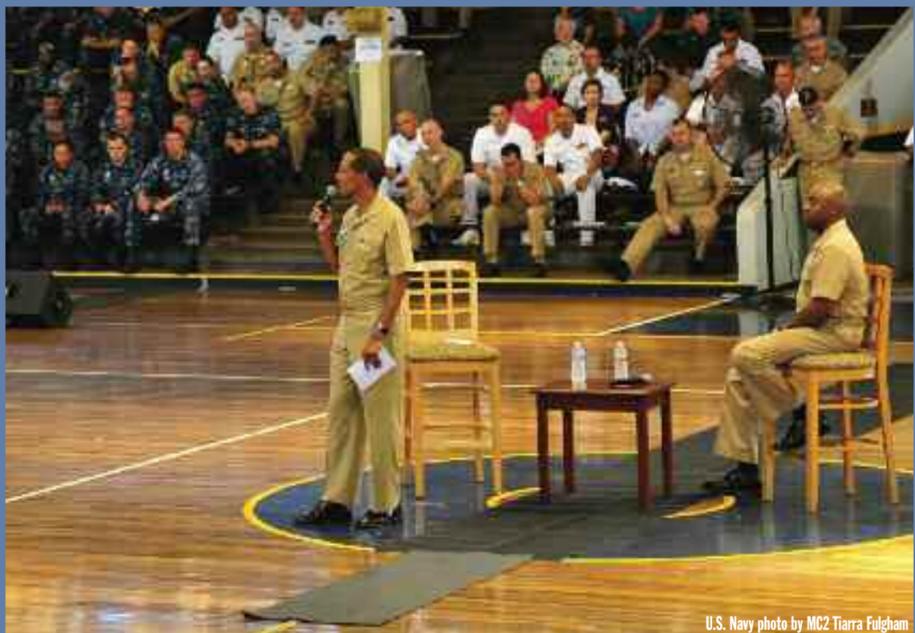
"We have different commands that have a connection with those lost in the Operation Red Wings," said Ensign Abigail Harris, assigned to Michael Murphy. "We remember their sacrifices and everything that is meant to have our freedom here."

"SEAL Team One and my command at Michael Murphy are doing a great job maintaining connections since we hold the namesake

of Murphy who was lost while serving the team back in 2005," said Harris.

"Being a newly commissioned ship, we are all deeply connected to the story, and we've spent a lot of time with his family in New York City during commissioning. We've met family members of other SEALs who were lost. Bringing it all together and getting to know all the men who are now serving and doing what he used to do every day is very special. To take a moment out of everyone's schedule to remember is a great thing that these commands are doing," Harris said

## Admirals listen to Sailors at all hands



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speak with Sailors and civilians during a town hall meeting at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. To accommodate approximately 1,000 attendees, the meeting was held in the joint base's historic Bloch Arena gym, adjacent to Nimitz Gate.

## Raptors take part in hurricane exercise



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Connie Reed

Two F-22 Raptors fly over Wake Island as part of a rapid deployment June 21 service.

Pacific Air Forces  
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Two F-22 Raptors and a KC-135 based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam performed a short-notice, four-day deployment to Wake Island.

"The deployment exercise not only tested our ability to rapidly respond to a crisis, it was also an impressive demonstration of the expeditionary capabilities of our fifth-generation aircraft," said Maj.

Gen. Russell Handy, Pacific Air Forces chief of staff.

Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing conducted F-22 Raptor fire response training with local Wake Island first responders. This was the first time the Wake Island emergency response personnel were given an orientation with the fifth-generation F-22 Raptor. Twenty-nine total force aircrew, operations and maintenance Airmen from the 154th Wing and

the 15th Wing performed this rapid deployment and redeployment exercise with F-22s assigned to the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing.

"This was a very successful deployment for our Raptors, exercising our total force resilience and readiness here in the Pacific," said Lt. Col. Mark E. Ladtkow, 199th Fighter Squadron commander.

"It demonstrated that, if

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## Save Energy

When you run your A/C, keep the cool air inside your home by making sure that all doors, including the door to the garage, and windows are closed.

## Paying respects at Arizona



JBPHH photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Col. Johnny Roscoe, commander of 15th Wing, and Joseph (JT) Roscoe tour the Arizona Memorial on June 26.



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## 15th Medical Group holds change of command



JBPHH photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Col. Ginny Garner assumes command of the 15th Medical Group (MDG) as she accepts the guidon from Col. Johnny Roscoe, commander of the 15th Wing, during a change of command ceremony June 25 at the Missing Man Formation, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Col. Vickie Hughes (right) is the outgoing 15th MDG commander.

### Capt. Aspen Heger

15th Medical  
Operations Squadron

The 15th Medical Group (MDG) held a change of command ceremony June 25 at the Missing Man Formation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Col. Virginia A. Garner assumed command of the 15th MDG from Col. Robie V. Hughes.

"When I get the opportunity to have a ceremony at this location, I always reflect on the storied history of our base," said Col. Johnny Roscoe, commander of 15th Wing, who presided over the ceremony.

"And as I hear airliners fly overhead today, I often wonder what it was like to stand in this spot 72 years ago and hear the Japanese bombers on their way to attack the fleet in Pearl Harbor. As the bombs fell out of the sky that morning, and the U.S. wounded servicemen started to roll in, the staff of the newly built hospital sprang into action.

"They worked non-stop that day, keeping their focus on the task of saving lives while explosions rat-

tled the beds of their injured patients, a truly remarkable story and a reminder of the legacy we are tasked to uphold," Roscoe said.

"That same unwavering focus on the patient has been the hallmark of the 15th Medical Group under Col. Hughes' command. For the last three years, her team has continued to provide world class, patient-centered medical care to America's heroes and their families," Roscoe said.

Hughes was presented the Legion of Merit for her outstanding service and accomplishments as commander of the 15 MDG. She thanked the local community and the 15th Wing for their unwavering support and especially the Airmen of the 15 MDG for their dedication and service over the last three years of her command.

Garner comes to the 15 MDG from Southwest Asia, where she served as the commander of the 386th Expeditionary Medical Group and was responsible for providing combat medical support, dental and force health protection for the Department of Defense

and U.S. forces throughout Southwest Asia.

"It is an honor and a privilege to stand before you today as the 15th Medical Group commander," said Garner. "Taking care of our nation's heroes, past, present and future, and their families, is why I joined the Air Force."

"Now I have the unique opportunity to lead, partner with our sisters services and the community, and care for the medics who will continue to fulfill this important mission. I am excited to be a part of this team and look forward to working with each of you as we continue the legacy of excellence in the 15th Medical Group," Garner said.

As the new 15 MDG commander, Garner will lead nearly 243 personnel and three squadrons, overseeing a \$35 million infrastructure, operations and maintenance budget. She is responsible for providing medical and dental services for 14,800 beneficiaries and ensuring quality healthcare service for 90,000 outpatient visits, 22,000 dental visits, and more than 125,000 pharmaceutical distributions annually.

## Navy Region Hawaii CMC Sibal retires

Bill Dougherty

Navy Region Hawaii  
Public Affairs

In a ceremony Monday morning aboard Battleship Missouri Memorial, Command Master Chief (SWAW) Marcos F. Sibal said farewell to shipmates and friends, ending his 30-year career in the U.S. Navy.

Sibal, a native of Angeles City, Republic of the Philippines, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1983 and served aboard ships and at installations primarily in the Pacific, eventually becoming fleet master chief for Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet just prior to his final assignment on active duty as region command master chief for all Navy personnel in Hawaii.

"Today is about perseverance and triumph. Hard work pays off. If you work hard enough, good things will happen to you," Sibal said.

"This is an opportunity to thank everyone. I encourage all of you in uniform to take this opportunity when your time comes. Thank your friends, people you advise, people who have made an impact on your life," he said.

Sibal, the first Asian American fleet master chief, relayed how he joined the Navy in 1983 as part of the U.S. and Philippines Enlistment Program. He hardly spoke English but learned both the language and saltwater leadership skills quickly.

"You can't lead if you can't communicate," he said. "I learned that leadership is not something you wear on your shoulder. Leadership is taking a group of people to complete a mission. ... It's how people see you and respect what they see. Lead by example and lead with a lot of humility," he added.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Annette Bridges sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" as Sibal thanked his wife, Jean, presenting her with a bouquet of flowers.

He presented his daughter and son, Mabelle and Marc, with traditional Hawaiian *lei*. Mabelle, a registered nurse, flew in from Fresno to attend. Marc, a Navy cadet with Radford High School's Junior Reserve Officer

Training Corps, carried the American flag in the parade of colors for the event. Each also shared personal thoughts about their dad.

Sibal's retirement ceremony was attended by nearly 300 people – military service members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, provided keynote remarks and spoke of Sibal's humility and care for and about Sailors.

"It's not just the aptitude and attributes," Ponds said. "It's his integrity of character, strength of conviction and, most of all, compassion."

Addressing Sibal directly, Ponds said, "Wherever you go, positivity is sure to follow."

Ponds awarded Sibal with the Navy Legion of Merit medal at the ceremony. Sibal received several other tributes and mementoes, including a more-than-five-foot-tall shadow box and plaque from chief petty officers and a framed photograph from the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

"This is a photo of the inner harbor with Battleship Missouri front and center," association president Mike Carr said, thanking Sibal for his service and support. "You're always a part of our crew."

The ceremony concluded with several readings, including a retirement flag ceremony and recitation of "Old Glory" by Chief Logistics Specialist Ebony Pinnock, reading of the Chief Petty Officer Retirement Creed by retired Master Chief Yeoman Jim Taylor, and recitation of "The Watch" by Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Greene.

In a surprise twist to the ceremony, just before being piped ashore and congratulated by fellow CPOs, past and present, Sibal presented Ponds with an honorary chief petty officer certificate signed by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens. Sibal thanked Ponds for being a "one of a kind" leader and said, "You think like a chief, always asking about Sailors and their families."



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marcos F. Sibal salutes as he passes through ceremonial sideboys and is piped ashore at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Sibal's retirement ceremony was attended by nearly 300 people including military service members, retirees, DoD civilians and family members.

## MCPON's Fourth of July message

**Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy**

*Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens*

As we take time to celebrate 237 years of independence, let us remember to reaffirm our own commitment to liberty and freedom. Let us remember the meaning of the Fourth of July, the meaning of the Independence Day.

Take a moment to reflect on a portion of the Declaration of Independence . . .

'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.'

While many of us enjoy fireworks, festivals, parades and cookouts together to give thanks for our freedom and

what our country has become: the freest, most inspired and resilient nation on earth, please remember the thousands of Sailors who are deployed around the world protecting these very freedoms. Please remember our Navy families who stand the watch at home so our Sailors can focus on missions on the ground, in the air, and at sea.

Also, remember that you are our Navy's most valuable asset. Whether you are on the road or in the swimming pool, remember safety is paramount. If you decide to drink, don't drive and have a plan to get home safely. I am very proud of each and every one of you for the sacrifices you and your families make for our great Navy and nation.

Continue to work hard, stay out of trouble, and be good and decent people. Happy Independence Day!



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) returns to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a nine-month deployment.

## Senior leaders remember fallen heroes on America's birthday

**U.S. Air Force**

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody send the following Independence Day message to the men and women of the U.S. Air Force:

"Happy Birthday, America! For 237 years, our nation has been built on the bedrock of freedom and democracy that our founding fathers established when they signed the Declaration of Independence. We draw on the courage of those patriots and take inspiration from the countless acts of heroism that followed as America's sons and daughters fought to protect our free and independent nation.

On this Fourth of July, as Americans around the world

gather to celebrate with families and loved ones, let us remember our service members who have fallen in battle. These brave heroes paid the ultimate price to make freedom possible. We must also never forget the families who have lost fathers, mothers, sons or daughters—they are part of our extended family. Remember them this Independence Day, as well as those who stand guard while we celebrate our nation's birthday.

The American people look to our men and women in uniform as symbols of the strength and commitment of this great nation. As Airmen, we live up to a high standard and we are grateful for all you do to defend our precious freedoms each and every day. We are proud of you, and we wish you and your families a safe and happy Fourth of July.

## JBP HH services to be affected by furloughs starting next week

**Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs**

With the implementation of furloughs across the government work force starting next week, various services will be impacted. Furloughs will be in effect for 11 weeks from July 8 through Sept. 30. (For more information about changes in services at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, check <http://ow.ly/mE1yY>).

**JPPSO**

The Joint Personal Property Shipping Office/Personal Property Division-Hawaii (JPPSO/PPD-HI) will be closed all day on Mondays.

The JPPSO staff asks for everyone to try to prepare as far in advance for their move 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](http://move.mil) and register for an account and submit their moving 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.

**Housing offices**

The Housing Services Center (HSC) at Moanalua Shopping Center and the Hickam Housing Management Office will also close all day on Mondays.

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. 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](mailto:HawaiiHousing@Navy.mil). The furlough and closure does not affect operations of Hickam Communities (HC) or Forest City Residential Management (FCRM), the JBP HH public private venture housing partners.

**Pass and ID offices**  
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 Wahiawa 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 visitor/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. All other questions can be addressed by the pass and ID staff at 471-2131 or 471-3627.

To view the frequently asked questions about vehicle decals and the services pass and ID provides, visit <http://ow.ly/mE543>.

**Commissary**

The Pearl Harbor and Hickam Commissaries will close on Mondays. The Pearl Harbor Commissary will remain open on all other days from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The stores will also continue to open 30 minutes prior to normal opening for customers needing assistance. For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402, ext. 101 or the Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

**Naval Health Clinic Hawaii**

Effective July 13, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii will no longer offer its Saturday urgent care walk-in clinic

at Branch Health Clinic Makalapa. All clinic operations will be closed, including pharmacy, lab and central appointments.

To speak to a medical care provider at anytime the clinics are closed, call the "provider after-hours advice line" at 473-0247, ext. 3.

For active duty dental emergencies, call (808) 864-4705. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center Emergency Room.

For clinic hours of operation, visit the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii website at [www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch).

**Region Legal Services Office**

Beginning the week of July 8, legal assistance attorney, notary and power of attorney services will not be available on Fridays. Notary and power of attorney services will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Walk-ins will be available from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and from 1:30

to 3:30 on Thursdays. Slots for walk-ins are limited, and clients are served on a first come, first served basis. RLISO recommends that clients arrive by 8 a.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and by 1 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call 473-4717. Morale, Welfare and Recreation

**Beaches:** From July 2 until Labor Day on Sept. 2, there will be staffing lifeguards at Hickam Beach from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. After Sept. 2, lifeguards will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

**Equipment rental:** Building 644 equipment rental is for command use and by appointment only. All other equipment rentals should be done through Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental, building 1760H, Kuntz Avenue or the Outdoor Adventure Center at the Fleet Store, building 1786.

To schedule an appointment, contact Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental at 449-6870.

## Diverse Views



What was the most moving memorial, monument or historic site that you have ever visited?

**1st Lt. Matt Savage**  
96th Air Refueling Squadron

"I have visited the Vietnam War Memorial twice, and both times proved to be a powerful and moving experience. Looking at all the names engraved on that wall made me truly appreciate the sacrifices that so many have made to ensure the freedom that my family and I enjoy."



**Operations Specialist 2nd Class Martina Stoval**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"For me the most moving memorial has to be the USS Arizona. Just the thought of those people who lost their lives so suddenly and bodies have not been recovered yet and they're still down there kind of makes you grateful. It gives you a sense of pride of what you do and you're fighting for a cause. It's very touching."

**Electronics Technician 3rd Class Lizette Bowland**  
Navy Region Hawaii

"It would be the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. It's just baffling how big a list can be, and how many losses our country had."



Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MC2 Nardel Gervacio

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## Liberators 'hang' around at Hickam



Photo courtesy of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Airports Division

B-24J Liberators are shown here inside a maintenance hangar at the former Hickam Field, Hawaiian Air Depot, July 30, 1944.

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# Thoughts about freedom, why we're here



**Rear Adm. Frank Ponds**  
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Freedom is why we are here. Our job is to protect and defend America, land of the free. Our Navy's means for ensuring that protection is to keep the sea lanes open and to work with others in the region to build cooperation, preserve peace and promote freedom. Here in Hawaii, we are in the strategic center point in the Pacific for carrying out our mission.

Recently Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus visited the western Pacific and restated his commitment to the rebalancing strategy that puts the newest assets, most capable ships and aircraft here, "to work with our friends, to work with our allies, to keep peace and stability in this region, which is so crucial not only for this region but for us in the United States as well."

It's clear from statements by POTUS, SECDEF and CNO that rebalancing to East Asia and Pacific region will not be affected by the current effects of sequestration. The commitment to our mission to protect and defend the United States remains strong.

The CNO's sailing directions, "warfighting first, operate forward, be ready,"

sharpen our focus and show how we can achieve our goals at region and MIDPAC. Here are three very different examples of how we are directly or indirectly preserving freedom of the seas from Hawaii.

**Warfighting first:** The latest of our MIDPAC ships to return from deployment to the western Pacific, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), brilliantly conducted a 9 and a half month deployment that included operating with the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleets.

The men and women of USS Paul Hamilton were the latest of our warfighters to conduct operations supporting maritime security, counter-terrorism and freedom of the seas. I am extremely proud of their achievements and how they represented the Navy and the United States as they worked with our partners and allies, whether combating transnational crime on the ocean, visiting Bahrain, or providing community service in the Republic of the Philippines.

Today, our shipmates aboard USS Chosin (CG 65) and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) are operating forward, standing the watch, and providing maritime security with Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, all in the name of freedom.

**Operate forward:** The surface ships, submarines and aircraft stationed in Hawaii are able to operate forward because of the tremendous support provided by the installations and tenant commands here. Our military and civilian team at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam provides support, not only to warfighters but also to their families. Pacific Missile Range Facility provides world-class training, not only to the U.S. Navy but also to our allies and partners.

Several months ago, we were honored to be asked to give advice to our friends at Polynesian Voyaging Society as they prepared to begin a worldwide voyage of their traditional voyaging canoes Hokule'a and Hikianalia. These brave men and women are able to conduct their worldwide voyage over the next several years in large part because of the freedom of the seas the Navy helps ensure. We share many of the same values as the PVS: protection of the environment; promotion of STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics; preservation of culture and diversity; and promotion of sustainability and renewable energy.

**Be ready:** Another "voyage" in the Pacific this summer is one supported directly and indirectly from our team in Hawaii. U.S. Pacific Fleet's Pacific Partnership 2013 aboard USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) is led by Capt. Wallace Lovely, mission commander

and commodore of Destroyer Squadron 31. PP13 is visiting Oceania, providing disaster response preparation with partners like Australia, Japan, New Zealand and Singapore, among others.

Pacific Partnership is another example of our commitment to the region in building relationships and readiness. The mission began in the aftermath of the response to the 2004 tsunami that hit Southeast Asia. The Navy responded with humanitarian assistance and disaster response.

Today, as exemplified aboard namesake USS Pearl Harbor, we have a sustained readiness capability made stronger and facilitated by our team here in Hawaii.

Obviously there are many

other examples that can illustrate how the Navy in Hawaii, working in concert with our friends and partners, is helping preserve and protect freedom here in the Pacific. As we face—and persevere through—the fiscal challenges of sequestration and significant impact of furloughs to our civilian shipmates in the months ahead, let's not lose sight of our vital mission and the countless ways your hard work is making a difference for people everywhere who yearn to be free.

As my time as commander of region and MIDPAC comes to a close, I can reflect on the important work we have done to support fleet, fighter and family over the past two years. We provided world-class

support to the Rim of the Pacific Exercise in 2012. We promoted education, renewable energy and environmental stewardship. We helped with our leaders' initiative to rebalance to the Pacific. We achieved outstanding community outreach and built strong teamwork here in Hawaii. You achieved this and more. I know you will continue to advance the Navy's mission in the years ahead.

Our Navy team in Hawaii will continue to promote "warfighting first, operate forward, be ready." We will continue on our steady drive to live up to the ideals of our great nation, founded on a commitment of freedom for all. It's why we are here.

*Have a safe, healthy and happy Fourth of July weekend*



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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Service members and family members based in Hawaii, including Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) named after Lt. (SEAL) Michael P. Murphy, participate in a five-mile formation run from Ala Moana Park to the Operation Red Wings Medal of Honor Park.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan



Sailors from the Ticonderoga-Class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) interact with students at the Jinhae Hope Home during a port visit in Busan, South Korea.

U.S. Navy photo by FC3 Andrew Albin



USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), (center), along with the Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Sydney (FFG 03), (right), and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship JS Murasame (DD 101), (left), break formation behind guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG-88) on June 26 during Pacific Bond 2013. The maritime exercise between the U.S. Navy, Royal Australian Navy, and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force is designed to improve interoperability and further relations between nations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Paul Kelly

Canadian Army Maj. Sophie Toupin delivers remarks to a group of Pacific Partnership personnel attending a Canada Day celebration aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52). Pacific Partnership is a mission that brings host nation governments, U.S. military, partner nation militaries and non-governmental organization volunteers together to conduct disaster-preparedness projects and build relationships in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region to better respond during a crisis.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Samantha J. Webb



# Navy offers helpful advice to Polynesian Voyaging Society

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“Hokule’a: Her Farthest Journey,” a documentary about the Polynesian Voyaging Society’s (PVS) Worldwide Voyage now underway, aired for the first time Thursday and again last Saturday on local TV in Hawaii.

The documentary included an interview with Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, who was asked on the eve of the voyage for his perspective and advice to PVS on behalf of the Navy.

Ponds said through awareness, training and safety measures the group can be best prepared to meet challenges on the seas and in the littorals. Those challenges include typhoons, rogue waves and piracy during the 46,000 mile, three-year journey to 21 countries with 65

planned landfalls.

“We were honored to be asked to give advice to our friends at Polynesian Voyaging Society as they prepared to begin a worldwide voyage of their traditional voyaging canoes Hokule’a and Hikianalia,” Ponds said, noting the Navy’s role directly and indirectly.

“These brave men and women are able to conduct their worldwide voyage over the next several years, in large part because of the freedom of the seas the Navy helps ensure.”

In recent years, Sailors from Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 volunteered in community relations projects, helping to sand canoes with the society. Earlier this year, Sailors from Afloat Training

Group Middle Pacific and USS Chafee (DDG 90) provided search and rescue training to PVS mariners at the joint base’s Scott Pool.

“One of the roles on the canoes is having a rescue swimmer in case someone

was to go overboard,” said Lehua Kamalu of Paoa, Hawaii, a Polynesian Voyaging Society student, while attending the training.

“The Navy swimmers are really good at what they do as far as water safety is concerned. They have the training and expertise we need to learn for this voyage,” Kamalu said.

According to PVS, the worldwide voyage is being conducted to promote education, the environment and sustainable energy as well as ensure continuity with the next generation.

“We share many of the same values: Protection of the environment; promotion of STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics; preservation of culture and diversity; and promotion of sustainability and renewable energy,” Ponds said.

“The reason we go around the Earth is to connect with it, and be with it, and learn from it about the diversity of culture and the special places around



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Paul D. Honnick

Sailors sand down pieces of a Polynesian canoe for the Polynesian Voyaging Society, which plans on sailing the canoe around the world using ancient techniques without any electronics or navigation equipment Jan. 22, 2011.

the planet,” said Nainoa Thompson, PVS president.

Ponds received a note of thanks from the society for his participation in the documentary. Sent by PVS leadership, the note reads, “You have helped to shape this story, for which we are

very grateful ... *Mahalo nui* for being such an integral part of our *ohana* (family).”

The interview with Ponds was conducted May 23 at JBPHH with USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) in port as a backdrop, just before Pearl Harbor

departed to lead Pacific Partnership, the largest disaster-response preparation mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

PP13 is being conducted in some of the same waters in which PVS voyagers will sail.

## July 4 marks passing of two of America’s leading founders

*Respects paid in Hawaii more than 5 months later in 1826*

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On July 4, 1826, two of America’s leading founders, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, died within hours of each other. The news of their passing exactly 50 years to the day after the signing of the Declaration of Independence was seen by many in the young republic as a sign.

In many ways, Adams of Massachusetts and Jefferson of Virginia represented the geographic, economic and ideological differences that the people of the United States would have to struggle with as a nation.

The firm conviction and staunch advocacy of their individual beliefs led these patriots and friends to become bitter enemies, but time and reflection eventually brought them back together again as elderly statesmen. The correspondence of their last 14 years is rich with insight into how the honest



U.S. Navy Capt. Thomas ap Catesby Jones

debate and discussion of ideas, and the willingness to compromise would forge a foundation that led to a stronger union.

Though divided for a time by deeply held ideas about the proper governance of the nation, their mutual admira-

tion for one another and deeply felt love of country and sincere desire to see freedom succeed in the world brought them to reconciliation. Adams wrote Jefferson in 1825, saying, “I look back with rapture on those golden days when Virginia and Massachusetts lived and acted together like a band of brothers.”

The deaths of Jefferson and Adams on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence added significance to the calendar day July 4 and set in stone the principles of American independence that July Fourth would forever represent.

Though the Fourth of July in 1826 was his last day on earth, Jefferson offered the following commentary on the day: “May it be to the world, what I believe it to be, the signal of arousing men to burst the chains under which monkish ignorance and superstition had persuaded them to bind themselves, and to assume the blessings and secu-

rity of self-government.”

In our current day of instant communications, the passing of the former presidents would have been known within moments, but word traveled slowly in the early 19th century, and it was five months before the news reached Hawaii. By December of 1826, American missionaries, whalers and merchants had already begun to establish themselves in the Hawaiian Islands and though a long way from home, the significance of the death of the two great patriot leaders and their ideas of freedom, hope and patriotism was not lost on them.

On Dec. 22, upon hearing the news, U.S. Navy Capt. Thomas ap Catesby Jones of the USS Peacock ordered a full military procession of Marines and Sailors ashore in Honolulu to honor the former presidents.

On a warm December day in the Hawaiian Islands, the timeless principles of the Fourth of July burned bright.



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necessary, with little advance notice we can rapidly deploy to Wake Island which has the necessary infrastructure in place to support our aircraft and operations.”

Wake Island lies approximately 2,300 miles west of Hawaii, and the short deployment confirmed it as a viable location for Hawaii-based aircraft relocation in the event of a contingency or crisis, such as a hurricane, tsunami warning or other situation requiring combat aircraft.

While at Wake Island, the Airmen conducted a barrier certification to ensure the gear is capable of handling F-22 landings and also held fire response and maintenance training with the local contractors. In addition to validating Wake Island’s utility as a contingency location, the local training also supported the island’s designation as a divert location for JBPHH aircraft.

The aircraft returned to Hawaii on June 24.

## Military service members reminded to comply with firearms registration laws

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The state of Hawaii has some of the strictest firearm registration laws in the United States, and service members stationed aboard—or attached to—a unit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam must comply with local laws.

With the exception of blackpowder, antiques and non-firing replicas, all firearms must be registered with the appropriate county chief of police within three working days (72 hours) after the firearm is brought into the state.

For JBPHH personnel, this means they must register their firearms with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) at 801 South Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96813, telephone 723-3190. Prospective buyers are strongly encouraged to visit the HPD website at [www.honolulu.org](http://www.honolulu.org) for

specific information.

When registering a firearm brought into Hawaii, personnel should transport the unloaded firearm, preferably in a firearms-specific case, to HPD with no ammunition. Once registered, the registration is valid until the firearm is legally transferred to another, authorized person, or removed from the state.

Hawaii also has specific laws governing the legality of other aspects of firearm ownership. For example, the Hawaii Revised Statute 134-8(c) states that, "The manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquisition of detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of 10 rounds which are designed for or capable of use with a pistol is prohibited." This means that possessing a handgun magazine with a capacity of more than 10 rounds is illegal.

In addition, service members

who live in base housing must comply with JBPHH Instruction 5530.1 titled, "Registration and Possession of Firearms or Dangerous Weapons." Once registration with HPD is complete, personnel who reside on base, including those residents of public-private venture (PPV) housing property within the JBPHH fence line, shall register their firearms with JBPHH Security Department (JB2) armory section, 370 Fuller Way, building 278, JBPHH, Hawaii.

Registration with JBPHH Security Department must be accomplished within two working days of registration with the state of Hawaii. Security Department registration times are 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Service members registering a firearm with the JBPHH Security Department should not bring the firearm with them during initial registration, but instead are



required to bring the original HPD firearm registration document, proof of residence in government housing, a valid military ID card, and a copy of the certificate of completion of Personal Firearm Safety (CSF-PFS-010) course for Navy personnel completed via Navy e-learning.

JBPHH Security Department will also conduct appropriate checks to verify compliance with the Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act, which pro-

hibits firearm possession by personnel convicted of a "qualifying" violent offense. Personnel who fail to comply with Hawaii State firearms laws are subject to criminal charges and possible seizure of the firearm. In addition, service members who are found to be in violation of the JBPHH instruction regarding registration and possession of firearms may be subject to administrative action, criminal sanctions or both.

## Annual water quality reports available to Navy consumers in Hawaii

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Distribution of the Navy's 2013 Water Quality Reports for Navy, Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD) and some non-DoD customers in Hawaii began June 24.

As a provider of drinking water in Hawaii, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to report test results on water that has been delivered over the past year.

These annual water quality reports, also called the consumer confidence reports (CCRs), provide data on the quality of drinking water provided to Navy water consumers by including information on the sources of water, health effects, compliance status, and other related statistics. They also contain tables listing all contaminants detected in the water at levels above the EPA's pre-

scribed minimum detection limits.

"Safe drinking water is a mission critical responsibility of NAVFAC Hawaii, which we take very seriously," said Aaron Poentis, environmental business line director.

NAVFAC Hawaii owns and operates six water systems: Barbers Point (Kalaeloa), Camp Stover, Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Luualalei, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTMAS PAC) Wahiawa, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai. Annual reports are developed for each system, with the exception of NAVMAG Luualalei which does not require a report due to the limited amount of customers.

"A significant amount of resources is allocated to ensure that the water treatment and distribution systems operate properly and efficiently to provide the safest water to all of our customers and users," said Poentis.

Each year, NAVFAC Hawaii mails or hand-delivers the appropriate hard copy water quality report to each of its customers which receives water from the command. Customers and commands are asked to post these reports in highly-visible or high-traffic areas.

For military housing residents, distribution of hard copy water quality reports is handled through various housing management offices.

- JBPHH Water System – Most Navy housing residents near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam should contact Forest City's Residential Management office at the Aloha Center (Moanalua Shopping Center, 4825 Bougainville St., suite 100).

- JBPHH Water System – Air Force housing residents on JBPHH Hickam-side may contact Hickam Communities (211 Mercury St.).

- JBPHH Water System - Iroquois Point housing residents may contact Iroquois Point Island



U.S. Navy photo by Sila Manahane  
Environmental specialists at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii test drinking water for residual chlorine levels to make certain they are in line with Navy regulations.

Club (5105 Iroquois Ave.).

- Camp Stover and NCTAMS PAC Water Systems – Housing residents should contact Forest City's Pearl City office (557 Lehua Ave.).

- Barbers Point Water System – Housing residents should contact their housing office, Kalaeloa Homes (4285 Independence Road).

- PMRF Kauai Water System – Reports for this system will be distributed by the NAVFAC Hawaii

Public Works Department at Barking Sands.

Hard copies of all water quality report brochures may also be obtained from NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs Office by calling 471-7300 or the command's environmental compliance office at 471-1171, ext. 203.

Electronic copies of all five brochures are also posted on NAVFAC Hawaii's public website at <http://goo.gl/R8Fd6>.