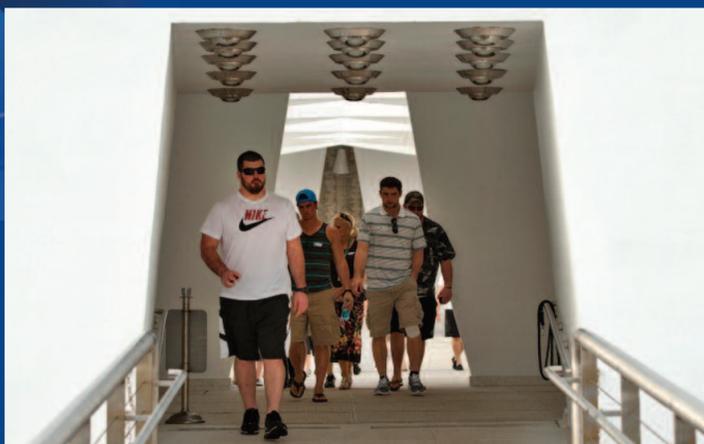


Pro Bowl players visit Arizona Memorial



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares
(Above) Andrew Luck, Indianapolis Colts quarterback, views the remains of the USS Arizona during a tour of the USS Arizona Memorial on Jan. 25. Luck was in Honolulu for the 2013 Pro Bowl.

(Right photos) Sailors, professional NFL football players, their family members and coaching staff gather at USS Arizona Memorial during the white boat tour of Pearl Harbor. NFL players visited Honolulu for the 2013 Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Diana Quinlan

Port Royal to take part in multi-national task group exercise

Lt. j.g. Mary Witkowski
USS Port Royal (CG 73)
Public Affairs

USS Port Royal (CG 73), homeported at Pearl Harbor, will participate in the theater anti-submarine warfare (TASW) phase of the Submarine Commander's Course (SCC) and a task group exercise (TGEX) alongside the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). The exercise will take place off the coast of Oahu Feb. 11-17.

Also participating in the exercise will be USS Chafee (DDG 90) and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 (HSL 37), USNS Guadalupe (T-AO 200), and several Hawaii-based submarines.

Her Majesty's Canadian Ships (HMCS) Ottawa and Algonquin will return to Hawaii for the exercise after participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) in 2012. Following RIMPAC, the RCN hosted the United States for a TGEX

off the west coast of Vancouver Island in October 2012.

The purpose of the task group exercise is to increase proficiency in allied operations. Events will include anti-aircraft, anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare training.

"We look forward to operating with our Canadian partners," said Capt. Eric F. Weilenman, Port Royal's commanding officer.

"The crew is excited to take part in another inter-



U.S. Navy file photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73).

national exercise after working with the RCN during RIMPAC," he said.

The exercise marks another high note for the Port Royal which ended 2012 by winning the JBPHH Afloat Flag Football competition and recently earned the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Retention Excellence Award for FY12.

February's TGEX marks another step forward in

Canada's goal of "remaining interoperable with the U.S. military" and "carrying out bilateral training and exercises with the United States" as laid out in Canadian Defence Minister Peter MacKay's "Canada First Defence Strategy."

Maritime exercises between the United States Navy and other countries provide the unique training opportunities that

help participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans.

Joint, interagency and international relationships strengthen the ability to respond to crises and protect the collective maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners.

La Jolla returns to Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by MC2 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet
Public Affairs Office

Friends and families of the crew from the USS La Jolla (SSN 701) gathered at the submarine piers to welcome back the Los Angeles-class submarine as it returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 25 after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

"We were fortunate enough to represent the United States Navy and the submarine force in

Yokosuka, Japan; Busan, South Korea; and Saipan. We had a great time and the men did their country proud," said Cmdr. Jeff Bernard, La Jolla's commanding officer.

The submarine completed a variety of operations and several training exercises throughout the deployment that were vital to the theater commander. The crew of about 135 continuously executed their duties and responsibilities and accomplished every tasking with professionalism and enthusiasm.

"They overcame schedule changes and stayed focused on the mission. Their

resilience and dedication was inspirational and is a testament to their efforts," said Bernard.

During the deployment, three officers and 14 enlisted Sailors earned their designation as qualified in submarines and now wear their dolphin warfare insignia.

Bernard said the deployment was an incredible opportunity for every Sailor to learn more about their particular jobs and submarining in general.

"It's wonderful, simply amazing to see my husband back after all this time," said spouse Amanda Montgomery.



Sonar Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Jeff Wansart meets his family for the first hug following the return of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 25.

Malaysian sultan visits JBPHH



U.S. Air Force photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Sultan Muhammad V of Kelantan, Malaysia (center) is greeted by John D. Waihe'e III, former governor of Hawaii, and Col. John J. Roscoe, commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 23.



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Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday, avoid DUI report Monday

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) – Plan for a safe return, officials stressed as Sailors and families around the fleet make plans to enjoy the Super Bowl on Feb. 3.

“Super Bowl Sunday is like an unofficial holiday in America where people gather together to watch the game,” said Navy Personnel Command Force Master Chief (SW/AW/NAC) Jon Port.

And like other celebrations, food and alcohol are often key ingredients at many Super Bowl parties.

In the past three years, the Navy has seen a steady rise in reports of Sailors driving under the influence (DUI) over the Super Bowl weekend. Therefore, Navy leaders are stressing the importance to plan ahead to avoid DUI.

“If you’re planning to attend a Super Bowl party or watch the game at a sports bar or restaurant and you intend to drink alcohol, think about how you will get home when making your plans,” said Dorice Favorite, program director, Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP). “It’s good to think out the scenarios in your head



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Kenneth Abbate

Sailors cheer on their respective teams during a Super Bowl party in hangar bay two aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Sailors from both sides looked on as the Giants defeated the Patriots 21-17 in Super Bowl XLVI. John C. Stennis is operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility while on a seven-month deployment.

beforehand so you are prepared.” Sailors can start by programming the phone number of a local taxi company into their cell phone.

“Even if you don’t have to call a taxi for yourself, you’ll have the number handy in case you need to call one for a ship-

mate,” said Favorite.

Before heading out, decide who will be the sober designated driver and what that entails. The designated driver should be limited to non-alcoholic beverages. According to the Insurance Information Institute, more drivers are involved

in alcohol-related accidents on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year except St. Patrick’s Day. Sailors should know their limits and if it’s exceeded, call a taxi, get a ride with a sober friend, or get permission from the party host to stay overnight, but

don’t drink and drive.

If you are staying in and hosting friends at your home, Favorite suggested hosts ensure all guests designate their sober drivers in advance or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.

“You should serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages at the party,” said Favorite. “Host your party just like they do at the stadium. Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of the game.

Hosting a party comes with responsibilities

“Depending on the laws of your state, if you host a party and serve alcohol, you could potentially be legally liable if an intoxicated party guest drives away and gets in an accident,” Favorite added.

NADAP is tasked to support fleet readiness by fighting alcohol abuse and drug use. Alcohol related incidents can diminish mission readiness in the Navy and ruin careers. Even Sailors who only drink alcohol on rare occasions must have a plan if they are going to drink.

To learn more about the Navy’s drug and alcohol abuse prevention efforts, visit www.nadap.navy.mil.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

Michael Murphy Sailors perform community service in honor of MLK

CT3 Ryan Harris

USS Michael Murphy (DDG 223) Public Affairs

Sailors from the USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) celebrated the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 21 by dedicating a day of community service to the civil rights leader.

Rather than taking the holiday off, the Sailors participated in their first community relations project since the warship arrived at its Pearl Harbor homeport Nov. 21.

“Dr. King fought for equality, so if we can come together from all different races and all different backgrounds on our day off and work together then that is an appropriate way to honor him and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day,” said Operations Specialist 1st Class Riunite Izquierdo, the command community service coordinator for Michael Murphy.

The Michael Murphy crew focused their day of community service on Hawaii beach restoration.

Sailors waded into the shallow waters of Paiko Beach and collected heavy bags of slimy invasive algae that are smothering out the natural species of the southern Oahu bay. The algae cleanup was sponsored by the non-profit organizations Kupu Hawaii and Malama Maunaloa.

The nonprofits are responsible for cleaning over three million pounds of the alien algae from 25 acres of Hawaiian waters over the past five years. The invasive plant – which is also known as leather mudweed – is shuttled to

shore and recycled as fertilizer by area farmers.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been a focal point of the project, and this year was the largest turnout since the project began.

“This is about honoring the legacy of community service of Dr. King, and it’s really exciting to reach out to military organizations like the Michael Murphy,” said Rebecca Beralas, program outreach coordinator for Kupu Hawaii. “It’s awe-

some for this to be the ship’s first community outreach event in Hawaii so we can welcome them here and share the aloha spirit.”

The Sailors said they enjoyed the MLK Day event and were honored to help their new Hawaiian home.

“It feels good to be able to do something to give back,” said Engineman 3rd Class Kristian Billings. “This is a very rewarding way to spend the day.”

Saipan Drive will be closed to northbound traffic beginning Feb. 4

NAVFAC Hawaii

In an effort to provide improved pedestrian safety, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be closing the northbound lane of Saipan Drive at Wahiawa Annex to vehicular traffic beginning Feb. 4, until further notification.

The northbound lane will serve as a pedestrian safety zone. The south-

bound lane will remain open to motorists and commercial traffic at all hours.

Motorists are advised to remain diligently aware for pedestrian traffic, adhere to the posted 15 mph speed limit, and to utilize Midway Drive for all northbound traffic flow.

The pedestrian zone will be marked by concrete barriers and appropriate traffic signage along

Saipan Drive between the areas of building 108 and the T-intersection of Saipan Drive and Polaris Drive (across from new NSA Hawaii building 550 complex).

This interim measure will be in effect until the new sidewalk construction project along Saipan Drive is completed. The project is slated for completion later this fiscal year.

Michael Murphy underway

USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) pulls away from pier side as the ship departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a scheduled underway. This is the first time the ship has been out to sea since it arrived at Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach



Commentary

Region, MIDPAC: Opportunities amidst fiscal challenges

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



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Senior Navy Leaders are addressing the challenges of a year-long Continuing Resolution.

Last week, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert provided guidance on near-term, reversible actions being taken now in the face of an extended Continuing Resolution. In March the Navy also faces the possibility of significant additional budget reductions because of sequestration.

At MIDPAC we are belt-tightening by planning for delayed ship maintenance of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee, expected to defer \$35 million in costs this fiscal year. Although this needed maintenance may have to be postponed, planning for the work will continue so we can recover quickly when funding is provided by Congress.

Fuel costs are one of our greatest expenditures, so we will also look for more ways to conserve, optimize and innovate our operations and training on the waterfront. We need everyone's help as we look for ways to save –

without impacting mission readiness or force protection. The Navy in Hawaii continues to be a leader in renewable energy and conservation of resources, and we need to continue the momentum where we can.

As we balance ship operations, flying hours and general training in the face of the continuing resolution and possible sequestration, Navy leaders are acutely aware of the hidden costs these measures bring.

In his guidance published Jan. 25, the CNO made it clear that we must “preserve overseas and forward-deployed readi-

ness to the maximum extent possible.” That means our stateside installations may feel a brunt of the budget shortfalls.

Until Congress passes an appropriations spending bill, we must take action immediately to reduce obligation rates of the Navy's operation and maintenance (OMN) account at both Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility.

In headlines and news stories, we see words like “cancel,” “curtail,” “defer,” “freeze” and “furlough” – with speculation of what may lie ahead for the remainder of this fiscal year. So, it is imperative we all stay aware and informed. We need clear facts about the current situation and plans to deal with potential budget shortfalls that may affect every region, including ours.

Vice Adm. William French, Commander, Navy Installations Command, recently directed region

commanders to review base operating support contracts; defer phased maintenance; limit contract support services; defer vehicle maintenance; and curtail all regional facility sustainment, restoration and modernization projects until further notice. He authorized a civilian employee hiring freeze, reduction in temporary employee levels, and suspension of non-mission-essential travel.

Regions are to plan for a possible government-wide furlough of civilian personnel that might be one-day-per-week starting in April. Such furloughs, should they become necessary, would be centrally managed by DOD, and we would follow their guidance.

Vice Adm. French made it clear that we must target reductions to all available service and procurement contracts to the maximum extent possible before civilian furloughs will be considered.

Non-appropriated fund (NAF) activities are not

directly involved in the continuing resolution and are exempt from proposed furlough actions, but there may be an impact to many NAF operations if there is reduced patronage and revenue. We can expect more guidance from CNIC in the weeks ahead.

All of these plans and discussions are measured and prudent, near-term and reversible. They are steps we must consider now, especially in the face of fiscal uncertainty in the future. They affect our waterfront and shore-front operations, including Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and other tenant commands.

The Department of the Navy is not alone in this challenge. The other services are being forced to take belt-tightening initiatives, too.

Fortunately, our top civilian and military leaders recognize that we are in the center of our Navy's efforts to rebalance in the Pacific. Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface

Group Middle Pacific have critical mission-essential responsibilities for warfighting readiness. Our leaders know we must maintain our capability to operate forward while supporting fleet, fighter and family.

The CNO has asked for our “cooperation and collaboration” in meeting the budgetary challenges ahead. He and CNIC have pledged to keep us all informed.

I ask that each of you take the initiative to learn more on your own about what Congress is doing to pass an appropriations bill to fully fund the FY13 National Defense Authorization Act. Learn more by visiting the Navy Live blog (<http://navylive.dodlive.mil/>) or other Navy.mil and Defense.gov sites. Read updates in Ho'okele. Stay informed, engaged and involved as we meet these challenges together.

Thank you for your ongoing support on behalf of our entire Navy ohana in Hawaii.

Joint base tax center now open for self-service preparation

Navy Region Hawaii Legal Service Office

The Joint Base Tax Center, run by the Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Hawaii, officially opened Jan. 30.

Historically, the tax center has provided an important service to the military and their dependents with free tax return preparation and e-filing.

Last season, the tax center processed 1,559 federal and state tax returns with tax refunds totaling over \$2.7 million.

The tax center offers “self-service” preparation by setting up computers and software for the clients to use directly, with the help of a trained tax volunteer to assist in the preparation of the returns.

Through the center, military members learn to take responsibility for their financial futures and become self-

sufficient, so that they will not become beholden to professional tax preparation services when they get out and incur fees down the road.

Joint Base Tax Center volunteers are trained at basic, intermediate and advanced levels on how to correctly identify filing status and how to prepare returns with wages, interest, dividends, social security, and retirement income, as well as self-employed income for schedule C-EZ.

Volunteers are also taught how to handle issues unique to the military such as PCS moves and combat zone exemptions.

The Joint Base Tax Center is located on the first floor of the Navy College building (building 679) located at 1260 Pierce St. as you enter the submarine base area.

The Joint Base Tax Center, which is free, should not be confused with commercial vendors, which, dur-

ing the last tax season, operated tax preparation businesses in the parking lot of the NEX and on base across from the ship channel near the Scott Pool.

Unlike these commercial vendors, the Joint Base Tax Center does not charge tax preparation fees. Any tax services offered in portable trailers are commercial and not part of the Joint Base Tax Center.

The Joint Base Tax Center allows members to file their returns electronically and, by selecting direct deposit, receive their refunds in as little as one week.

Some commercial tax preparers offer “refund anticipation loans” (RAL). A RAL is a high-profit, short-term consumer loan secured by a taxpayer's expected tax refund and designed to offer customers quicker access to funds than waiting for their tax refund.

Within recent years, one could expect to pay about \$100 in order to get a RAL for the average refund of about \$2,150. RALs are issued too often to individuals who are made to believe the wait for their refund is longer than it really is, who do not realize they are taking a loan, do not understand the high interest rates charged by the loan, and who do not actually need the funds immediately.

Because a member filing electronically can receive a refund in as little as a week, RLSO strongly discourages RALs as an unnecessary and costly expense. Taxpayers will continue to have access to information about their refund through the “Where's My Refund?” feature at the irs.gov website.

For more information about free tax preparation, call the Region Legal Service Office at 473-4717.

Diverse Views



“What is the most romantic song you've ever heard and why?”



Michael Ray
PACAF/A6

“Through The Years’ by Kenny Rogers. This song kept me going and connected to my wife through long deployments. She’s always been there for me ... through the years.”

Aviation Support Equipment Technician 3rd Class (AW/SW) Dehussa Urbieto
Naval Operation Support Center (NOSC) Pearl Harbor



“My favorite romantic song is Bryan Adams’ ‘Everything I do’ because he has the most amazing voice.”



Capt. Casey Meyer
HQ PACOM

“Red Red Wine’ by UB40. This song was popular when I met my wife.”

Engineman 2nd Class (SW) Caulefe Burks
Surgemain



“The most romantic song is ‘Your Love is King’ by Sade. I think it’s romantic because literally the song describes a romantic feeling between this woman and whoever her lover is but at the same time, if you read between the lines, she’s displaying her height of her emotions within that, so it’s like a double meaning, but both of them leads them to romance.”



Megan Gallagher
Air Force OSI

“‘Love Song’ by Third Day. The lyrics within this song remind me to focus on what truly matters in this lifetime ... love for our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ.”

Lt. Andre Barber
Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam



“‘Beauty’ by Dru Hill. Mainly, it’s the story of when you see somebody at first sight, and whether or not you see that person again, and if you can live with that.”



Senior Airman Un Y Pak
PACAF/A1

“‘Always and Forever’ by Heatwave. This is what I want the epitome of my future marriage to be like.”

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MC2 Nardel Gervacio)

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Workers build runway at Hickam



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The photo above shows a runway at the former Hickam Field during construction in 1940.

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USS Halsey and USS Russell finish hull swap

MC2 Dominique Pineiro

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SAN DIEGO (NNS) – The crews of guided-missile destroyers USS Halsey (DDG 97) and USS Russell (DDG 59) finished swapping hulls at Naval Base San Diego on Jan. 25.

Russell arrived from its prior homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to San Diego, where it will be permanently stationed, on Jan. 9.

Halsey and Russell then proceeded to turn over their respective administrative and maintenance responsibilities, then executed a hull swap and exchanged command.

Hull swaps, or ship rotations, are part of the Navy's long-term plan to routinely replace older ships with newer or more capable ships.

"Halsey is a flight 2A (destroyer). It's not a ballistic missile defense (BMD) national asset, but it has helicopter hangars, so it has a more robust helicopter capability for when it deploys overseas," noted Lt. David Sandomir, hull swap coordinator for Halsey and now chief engineer aboard Russell.

"Russell is a flight one



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Tim D. Godbee

Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) board their newly-assigned ship after a hull swap with guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59). Hull swaps, or ship rotations, are part of the Navy's long-term plan to routinely replace older ships with newer more capable ships.

(destroyer). It still can land helicopters and use them as an asset, but it can't embark them."

The majority of the ships' crews will remain in their respective locations. Certain members of each ship's combat systems department that are

trained specifically on different Aegis weapon system baselines will stay behind.

"Because our Aegis baselines are fundamentally different, our Aegis divisions remained in their current platforms," said Sandomir. "They have the cor-

porate knowledge and training on that Aegis baseline, so we have about 15 members of the old Hawaii crew on board, and we sent 18 members of our San Diego crew to Hawaii."

The commanding officer, executive officer and command

master chief of each ship met at least once a day to ensure the hull swap process went smoothly and to discuss the challenges that faced them.

"The turnover process is more complicated than walking across the pier and boarding the other ship," said Cmdr. Michael L. Weeldreyer, now the commanding officer of USS Russell.

"There needs to be a continual discussion of the crews and everybody needs to make sure the differences are discussed. The fact his crew and my crew worked together worked out pretty well."

The Hawaii crew, which relinquished command of Russell and took command of Halsey, is currently going through a crew certification before they return to Hawaii. Some members of the Hawaii crew were San Diego-area natives and used their time in California to reacquaint themselves with family and friends.

"It was good coming out here and seeing my family," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Kenneth Jenkerson. "When I'm in Hawaii, I can't make a short trip up the road to see my family. I made the most of my time while I was here, so I enjoyed it."

Dedication to volunteering drives shipyard's 2012 JSOY

David Tomiyama

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility Public Affairs

For Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS) Neil Burgheimer, the 2012 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility Junior Sailor of the Year (JSOY), the recognition that comes with such an award pales in comparison to the satisfaction of helping others.

If he is not at work as the code 900T resources department training and administration instructor, Burgheimer can often be found spending his free time supporting the local community.

"I didn't do anything out of the ordinary other than to perform my job to the best of my ability," Burgheimer said. "Making a difference in a child or adult's life by providing opportunities that may otherwise not be afforded is the biggest reward I can receive."

Burgheimer volunteered more than 280 of his off-duty hours in 2012 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), serving as a camp counselor and helping with numerous fundraising events for the organization to find a cure for those afflicted with the neuromuscular disease. He is involved with at least one MDA event a month.

MDA is not the only organization on Oahu that benefits from the JSOY's volunteer efforts. Burgheimer is a driver for the

Hickam's Sailors Against Drunk Driving program, ensuring Sailors have a safe means of getting home after a "night on the town."

He also dedicates himself to the Manana Elementary School's Adopt-A-Highway program to protect and maintain Hawaii's environment and serves as a field trip counselor at James Campbell High School.

"I've been volunteering for many local charities, associations, foundations and communities since I joined the Navy," he said. "Volunteering is just something that I love doing."

Burgheimer also encouraged fellow Sailors to join him in community outreach. As the shipyard's assistant Navy community service coordinator in 2012, he led 28 community service projects that involved 182 Sailors volunteering 356 hours of their off-duty time.

"Besides volunteering over 200 hours of his off-duty time this year, Petty Officer Burgheimer has developed personal and professional relationships throughout the community, consistently providing new opportunities for Sailors and civilians to give back to the local community," said Gas Turbine System Mechanical Technician 1st Class Michael Budomo, code 900T leading petty officer.

In addition to Burgheimer's positive contributions to the local community, his impact on the shipyard has been just as powerful. As an instructor, he is



Photo courtesy of MM2 Neil Burgheimer

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (MM2) (SS) Neil Burgheimer, 2012 Junior Sailor of the Year at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, watches former shipyarder MM1 Michael Mielko assist Glen Garcia, Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp camper, with an archery event at Camp Erdman in Waiialua, Hawaii, June 2012. Burgheimer volunteered to work 24 hours a day during the week-long camp.

responsible for the training of more than 3,000 military and civilian shipyard personnel and ensuring they stay current in the latest qualifications, policies and procedures.

In 2012, Burgheimer facilitated 40 classes with a total 388 combined classroom hours and 579 students. He also spent 223 man-hours overhauling the code 930 joint assembly, ball valve repair and precision measuring equipment lesson plans.

"I really enjoy being an instructor and given the responsibility to train everyone in the shipyard," Burgheimer said.

"One of the most rewarding things about what I do is that the training I provide directly affects the work practices that allow the safe return of shipmates. Being able to provide quality training and seeing those kinds of results lets me know that I'm making a difference not only in the shipyard, but also in the Navy."

The Mesa, Ariz. native said he enlisted in the Navy in 2005 for a stable job, funds for college and the challenge of military life. After recruit training at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill. and submarine school at

Submarine Base New London, Conn., he was assigned to USS Maryland (SSBN 738) in Submarine Base Kingsbay, Ga. before arriving to the shipyard in November 2010.

"The thing that I like most about being in the Navy is the opportunity to expand my knowledge through a college education, influencing others and improving myself through those experiences while becoming a better leader," said Burgheimer who is scheduled to graduate in November from the University of Phoenix with a bachelor of science in information technology.

Burgheimer plans to take his leadership skills to the officer level. In the near future, he plans to apply to limited duty officer school to become a commissioned officer. He will look back on his time at the shipyard and being named JSOY as the highlights of his enlisted career.

"Being named JSOY is very important to me as both a career achievement and a personal accomplishment," Burgheimer said. "It's one of the many building blocks that I will use to better myself as a leader. It is something that I am extremely proud of, and it is an honor to join the proud heritage of the shipyard JSOYs before me."

Additional information on the shipyard can be found on social media sites: Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UcBZ4j>, Flickr at <http://bit.ly/10XRwtG> and YouTube at <http://bit.ly/Tm2ymr.Z>

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(Right, below) Navy and Coast Guard volunteers joined with the Hoakalei Cultural Foundation to perform a shoreline cleanup in the Oneula area of the Honouliuli district next to White Plains beach on Jan. 26.

U.S. Navy photos by Lt. Toom H. Nguyen



(Right) Julius Peppers, defensive end for the Chicago Bears, signs autographs for military members and their families following a National Football League practice session at Joint base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Players of the NFL were in Honolulu for the 2013 Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium.

U.S. Navy photograph by MC2 Daniel Barker



The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) moors to the pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as the sub returns Jan. 25 from a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

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NAVFAC announces Pacific region Sailor of the Year

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam announced NAVFAC Hawaii's Utilitiesman 1st Class (SCW) Romulado Sosa as Sailor of the Year (SOY) 2012.

"Petty Officer Sosa was selected from an extremely strong group of petty officers throughout the NAVFAC Pacific area of responsibility," said Rear Adm. Scott A. Weikert, NAVFAC Pacific Commander.

"His contribution to the Navy's mission in Hawaii is remarkable, and the positive impact he had on his Sailors made his nomination package especially noteworthy. UT1 Sosa is a deck plate leader, and I am optimistic that he will be very competitive as he strives for recognition as NAVFAC's Sailor of the Year."

Sosa was born in Mexico City, Mexico and grew up in southern California. He graduated from Garden Grove High School in 1997 and enlisted in the Navy in 1998, attending Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

In 1991, Sosa graduated from Utilitiesman's "A" School in Wichita Falls, Texas and reported for duty at Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy.

He was chosen from top NAVFAC Pacific Sailors stationed at NAVFAC Hawaii, NAVFAC Marianas



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Utilitiesman 1st Class (SCW) Romulado Sosa stands next to a Navy Seabee emblem Jan. 17 at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii self help building at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and NAVFAC Far East.

"I was shocked at first when I found out about my Sailor of the Year selection and proud at the same time," Sosa said. "I am very honored, mostly because I believe it is a reflection of the leadership and the standards I set for my troops."

The Utilitiesman reflected on his early days as an aspiring Seabee and recalled a principle that was instilled in him which continues to serve as a guide to his leadership practices.

"Don't tell people to do something that you yourself are not willing to do or have not done," he said.

Although mentoring is a great portion of Sosa's leadership responsibilities, he is humble and always willing to help others understand what is expected of them, not only as a Navy Sailor but also as a Navy Seabee.

"I do not see myself as a mentor," said Sosa. "A lot of what I do is because I like doing it and whatever my job may be, I do it to the best

of my ability."

Sosa's engagement and active participation in his Navy and local community events made a significant impact, some of which included fundraising efforts to offset costs for junior Seabees to attend the Seabee Ball, leading a group of Sailors to provide teak deck maintenance on the historic Battleship Missouri Memorial, and coaching a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Youth Sports girls' volleyball team.

Sosa will go on to compete as a finalist and representative for the entire NAVFAC organization. The name of the NAVFAC winner is scheduled for release in February.

The Sailor of the Year program was founded by Adm. Elmo Zumwalt in 1972 to recognize outstanding Atlantic and Pacific Sailors at sea. The following year, the Shore Sailor of the Year program was introduced.



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The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific.

USS Tucson completes maintenance availability five days early

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The USS Tucson (SSN 770) completed its docking continuous maintenance availability (DCMAV), thanks in part to a small, focused project management team.

After an initial nesting availability at Fleet Maintenance Facility Submarine (FMB), the Commander, Submarine Squadron Seven (COMSUBRON Seven) vessel entered dry dock two (aft) on Aug. 14 to begin its DCMAV.

The "avail" was scheduled to go to Dec. 5 but was completed five days early, due in large part to the diligence and concentration of a smaller-than-usual team of project leaders formed by Bill May, project superintendent.

May sat down with shipyard and FMB operations leaders—Joe Mendonsa, Clem Lopez, Cmdr. Carey Pantling and Cmdr. Ray Spears—to determine the makeup of the team.

"Rather than using the usual 15 or so, we formed a team of eight and, rather than being focused on five or six boats at a time, we were able to concentrate just on USS Tucson," May said.

"With such a small team, we could stay focused on actual work and not on all the other things that could distract us. We also had a ship's force that had the knowledge and was eager to get the work done. It was a perfect situation for us."

"When we start the avail for maintenance of this type, we coordinate a nesting availability, usually at FMB, during which the submarine is prepared to go into dry dock," May explained. "After it is moved into the

dry dock, the shipyard first provides all the temporary services needed to make the ship safe for dry docking, then starts preparing the work areas where repairs will take place. We try to get as much maintenance as possible completed in dock, so when we undock, the ship can go directly into testing, then on into sea trials."

During Tucson's DCMAV, work accomplished included repair of turbine generator throttle valves, hull cleaning and preservation, and replacement of shaft seals, sonar transducers and cabling, a main sea water pump impeller, and three tank level indicators.

"The lion's share of credit for the early finish goes to the ship," said May. "In a DCMAV, unlike in Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) avails, the ship's force is responsible for all testing. Cmdr. James E. O'Harrar, Tucson's commanding officer, promised us support and he really delivered."

"I can't say enough about how quickly he and his crew got the testing done. Once we completed each repair, they did the research, wrote the test procedure, did the testing, and let us know the test results—most of the time within a day of our finishing the repair. That saved a lot of time," May explained.

May also lauded the shipyarders who worked on Tucson. "We had a really, really good shipyard crew of workers," said May.

"They responded so well and did such high quality work that we only had one test failure. It was really helpful not to have to go back and re-do work we had already done. Their efforts helped us finish and allowed Tucson to get back to sea five days early."

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