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Chief selectees attend Legacy Academy

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Chief petty officer selectees from class 008 graduated Aug. 23 from the Battleship Missouri CPO Legacy Academy aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Class 008 consisted of 43 selectees. For the sixth consecutive year, the Battleship Missouri Memorial hosted the selectees from throughout Navy Region Hawaii.

First instituted in 2007, the academy teaches team building, core values and chief petty officer heritage. The program has been a valuable tool in preparing the future leaders.

“For those attending this week’s legacy, you will now be carrying the legacy of our nation,” said Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief John Ullery in his address to the CPO selectees. “You will be teaching our future for those coming up the ranks behind you. You will ensure the historical value of our nation does not falter. You will be carrying on a legacy.”

Ullery thanked family members in attendance. “To the loved ones that supported their careers, I would like to thank you,” he said.

“Many of those you see before you today would not have gotten here without the love and support from their families. Today’s Navy is not just about the Sailor. It involves their families for continued support and the tremendous sacrifices across all members of



U.S. Navy photo by MCC John M. Hageman

Chief petty officers stationed throughout the Navy Region Hawaii area discuss training plans during night iterations of the Chief Petty Officer Legacy Academy aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

the family: spouses, children, parents and siblings.”

For six days, the selectees lived, ate and learned onboard. Immersed in the ship’s history, they learned more than just team-

work and built more than just camaraderie.

Selectees were given the opportunity to meet and learn from retired chiefs. Their insight gained over the years was passed down to

the newest generation of deck plate leaders.

“I feel very proud to be on the USS Missouri [Battleship Missouri Memorial]. We lived here for five days and experiencing it

like the Sailors in the past. We had a senior chief come onboard (that was in the movie “Battleship”). He was also stationed onboard

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Save Energy

Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer. After each load, clean the filter to keep the dryer running efficiently. Also, periodically check the air vent and hose for clogging. Keeping the air vent and hose free of lint also prevents a fire hazard.

Sept. 2 to mark 68th anniversary of end of World War II signing and unveiling of Adm. Nimitz statue

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The USS Missouri Memorial Association will commemorate the 68th anniversary of the end of World War II beginning at 9 a.m. Sept. 2, pier-side at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The event is open to the public. Approximately 300 to 400 guests are expected to attend.

On the morning of Sept. 2, 1945, World War II officially ended on the decks of the USS Missouri when the Japanese formally surrendered. The Missouri was anchored with other U.S. and British ships in Tokyo Bay.

Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, who directed the War in the Pacific, signed the Instrument of Surrender as the U.S. representative. Gen. Yoshijiro Umezu, chief of the Army General Staff, signed the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the Japanese.

The keynote speakers for Monday’s ceremony will be Adm. Cecil Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Michael Carr, president of USS Missouri Memorial Association. Additional speakers will include Jeff Harding, former history and heritage program coordinator, and Chester Nimitz Lay, grandson of Fleet Adm. Nimitz on behalf of Catherine Nimitz Lay and the Nimitz family.

This year’s traditional ceremony will be immediately followed by the unveiling and dedication of a sculpture honoring Fleet Adm. Nimitz, who directed the War in the Pacific. The nine-foot bronze statue will be permanently installed at Pearl Harbor at Pier Foxtrot Five, the pier where the Missouri is berthed.

The Naval Order of the United States selected the Battleship Missouri Memorial as the permanent home of the Adm. Nimitz sculpture. Crafted by Oregon artist, Rip Caswell, the 8-foot, 600-pound bronze statue pays tribute to the legendary World

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Forest City residents to be impacted by higher electricity rate

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The recent announcement (in the June 7 edition of Ho’okele) by Naval Facilities Engineering (NAVFAC) Hawaii of a 123 percent increase in the FY14 electricity rate to be charged customers starting Oct. 1 was directed by Department of Defense (DoD) financial management policies and regulations.

This rate increase will directly impact the monthly electric bills for some Forest City residents. Under the Resident

Energy Conservation Program (RECP), established in FY10, energy consumption for “like type” units is compared, and an average monthly energy consumption is calculated for these grouped homes.

A 10 percent buffer above and below the average is applied, and residents receive monthly electricity statements. Residents who fall below this 10 percent buffer receive a rebate, those who fall within it do not have any financial impact, and those who exceed this buffer must make a payment. In recent months, approximately 66 percent of all residents fell within or below the buffer

each month. The average payment for those above the buffer for this past June was \$63. The Navy establishes and adjusts electricity rates every two years relative to the price of purchased electricity. When the rate exceeds the cost of purchased electricity, future rates are adjusted to compensate for an accumulated gain in revenue.

Consequently, when stabilized rates fall below the cost of purchased electricity, the rates are adjusted to recover the loss.

Over the past several years, the Hawaiian Electric Rate Company (HECO) rate has steadily increased, primarily due

to higher Asian market fuel costs, from \$0.168/kWh in 2009 to \$0.283/kWh in 2012, while the Navy rate remained relatively stable at \$0.159/kWh. The Navy did increase the electricity rates in 2013 to \$0.263 to recover some of the previous losses and will increase the rate again beginning Oct. 1 to \$0.588/kWh to recover remaining losses.

The rates in FY15 will be adjusted (downward) to more closely match the projected price of HECO purchased electricity. These rates apply to all commands on Oahu purchasing

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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Information Systems Technician 1st Class Joshua Brown of New York, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, plugs in his electronics devices using a power surge strip which helps to reduce stand-by energy usage.



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Navy Reads

Navy Corpsman Bill Cosby and pursuit of the dream

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Bill Cosby, former hospital corpsman during the Korean War and an honorary Navy chief, is one of my generation's great humanitarian philosophers and storytellers.

Most Americans may know him from his TV shows, books and comedy recordings, but he is also a serious author, along with his alter ego Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint. Cosby and Poussaint produced the powerful and controversial "Come On People: On the Path from Victims to Victors," published in 2007.

The book takes on tough issues like race, sex, crime, gun violence and drugs and offers advice on health care, business, community and parenthood, especially fatherhood—his specialty.

"Come On People"

In "Come On People," he challenges families to live up to the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Cosby writes:

"In his 'I Have a Dream' speech, his dream was that his four little children, 'will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.' He was talking about children advancing to become strong, beautiful people—not abandoned by their parents, not drug addicted, not irresponsible."

"Fatherhood"

"Come On People" is a serious look at some of the same topics Cosby wrote about deftly and humorously in "Fatherhood," recommended for new dads, in and out of the Navy. The book proves that serious points can be made with humor.

Paraphrasing Cosby, with bringing children into civilization comes the responsibility "of trying to bring civilization to children."

In "Fatherhood," Poussaint writes the introduction and addresses the need to change from the old model of previous generations where the father was ethereal, remote and authoritarian to a new paradigm where dads are advised to "care for, nurture and discipline your children, and do it with love!"

Cosby approaches the subject with tongue-in-cheek humor:

- "Always end the name of your child with a vowel so that when you yell, the name will carry."
- "They're not perfect, neither are you."

- In one, chapter he mentions the advantages of choosing to have a hamster instead of a child—to those young people who aren't sure if they should have a baby.



Honorary Chief Hospital Corpsman Bill Cosby stands between former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West (left) and Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus during his pinning ceremony in 2011 at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Young Bill Cosby

Cosby's father was a Navy mess steward, like famed Pearl Harbor Survivor Doris "Dorie" Miller. Bill Cosby followed in his father's footsteps, joining the Navy in 1956. He told interviewer John Liberty in Kalamazoo, Mich. earlier this year that the Navy inspired him to become a teacher. From MLive.com:

"Cosby was born in Philadelphia in 1937. His mother was a maid and his father was a sailor in the Navy. By high school, he became known as a class clown. He never graduated from high school and eventually joined the Navy at 19, he said. Cosby said Wednesday

off of it,' he said. 'If you're going to sweep, mop, dry, you're going to make it as perfect as you can—to be proud of it,' Cosby said."

Pursuing the dream

As a young Sailor, after recruit training at Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., Cosby served at Quantico, Va. and at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Md., working as a Navy corpsman to help Korean War veterans. Aboard USS Fort Mandan (LSD 21) he served along the east coast, down to Guantanamo Bay, before being assigned to Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

He excelled at several sports on Navy and Marine Corps

teams and pursued his education, earning his high school diploma while on active duty and attending Temple University after the Navy, before discovering the joys (and rewards) of comedy/entertainment, including on the barrier-breaking "I Spy" show.

Honorary Navy Chief

Bill Cosby has since earned his doctor of education degree from the University of Massachusetts. In 2010 the Navy Memorial honored Bill Cosby with its Lone Sailor Award for his lifetime achievement. In 2011, then-MCPON Rick West and Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus recog-

nized him as an honorary chief petty officer.

"Bill Cosby is not just a comedian and an actor. Although he's pretty good at both, he's also been a tireless advocate for social responsibility and education—and a constant friend to the Navy," said Mabus. "Last year was the highest compliment I've ever received—being made an honorary chief petty officer, and now Dr. Cosby—you're about to get the same honor."

Dr. Bill Cosby's career and conduct have honored the legacy and inspiration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Cosby includes more than a half-dozen quotes or references to King in "Come On People." Cosby recognizes King's sacrifice for equality, civil rights, education, health care, voting rights and commitment to families. Like King, he reinforces the need for dignity and discipline, responsibility and accountability.

Cosby was in Washington, D.C. this week during the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Like the rest of us, he contemplated King and what's now known as the "I Have a Dream Speech" at the Lincoln Monument. Cosby was 26 at the time of the speech.

Historian and biographer Taylor Branch wrote in "Parting the Waters": "The emotional command of his oratory gave King authority to reinterpret the core intuition of democratic justice. More than his words, the timbre of his voice projected him across the racial divide and planted him as a new founding father."

Time Magazine's cover this week is emblazoned with Branch's words about King: "Founding Father."

With the "dignity and discipline" King called for, Bill Cosby, father, grandfather, son and Navy chief, teaches generations how to pursue and realize Dr. King's dream, "deeply rooted in the American Dream."

(This review comes from the "Navy Reads" blog: <http://navyreads.blogspot.com/>.)

Closures announced for Fisher House run

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Public Affairs

Fisher House will host the 8K Hero & Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll 2013, which will be held Sept. 7 on Ford Island.

The run starts at 7 a.m. with an official welcome and military honors beginning at 6:30 a.m. The route begins at the Pacific Aviation Museum, around the bridge entry gate and back. Participants should be in place on Ford Island no later than 6 a.m.

Due to the large number of participants expected, motorists and residents on Ford Island should plan accordingly.

The biggest impact to vehicle traffic will be between 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. On Ford Island, expect delays and redirection around the former airfield. Traffic closures will be as follows: Ford Island Bridge, all roads entering

Chafee Boulevard and O'Kane Boulevard will be closed from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. From 7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. all lanes on the bridge will not be closed, but drivers should be alert for pedestrians.

Motorists will be directed to park between O'Kane Boulevard and the Pacific Aviation Museum. All vehicles must be removed from parking lot immediately after the conclusion of the event. Vehicles left in parking lot one hour after the culmination of the event will be subject to towing at owner's expense.

Ford Island residents participating in the event are highly encouraged to walk to the venue to ease vehicle traffic on the island.

Monitors will be stationed at intersections on Ford Island to assist runners/walkers and motorists. Drivers should be cautious of road guards and participants.

USS Chosin in Singapore



Sailors assigned to the guided-missile Cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) set up a ladder to bring aboard a pilot to help Chosin pull into Changi Naval Base, Singapore

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power from NAVFAC Hawaii.

"The increased charge won't affect any resident's bill whose monthly usage is within the 10 percent buffer range of their like-type group's average," explained Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"However, for residents who are above or below the buffer, the amount owed or credited will increase by 123 percent relative to what they are paying today," he added.

For example, if a resident currently uses 200 kilowatt hours over the 10 percent buffer, the resident owes \$52.69 (200 x 0.263). In October, that same resident using 200 kilowatt hours over the 10 percent buffer would owe \$117.64

(200 x 0.588). The same methodology can be used to illustrate how much of a rebate would increase in October if the resident currently uses 200 kilowatt hours under the 10 percent buffer—the credit would increase from \$52.69 to \$117.64.

Wendy Mekinda, general manager of Forest City Residential Management, expressed empathy for the residents who will be impacted by this necessary increase in the electricity rate. "We understand the reason NAVFAC Hawaii is increasing the rate and certainly wish there was a way to not pass this increase onto our residents. And we have been told this should be a temporary situation lasting 12 months, since NAVFAC Hawaii has projected the FY15 electricity rate to return to a more stabilized

level in October 2014."

It's important for all residents to know the increased electricity rate will also impact the project's annual operating budget, meaning reductions in some services will be necessary. "Forest City's annual electricity bill will increase from \$18 million today to an estimated \$40 million in FY14. Our budget is like any other person's household budget, where reduced spending needs to occur somewhere in order to cover an increase in the monthly "must pay" utility bill," said Mekinda. Forest City is working with Navy Region Hawaii and joint base leadership to identify the reductions in services or amenities. Of note, however, is that the contractually obligated services Forest City is required to deliver will still be satis-

fied. Any reductions will come in areas that can be characterized as "above and beyond" those obligated by contract. Once approved, the reductions and phasing effective dates will be shared with residents.

To view frequently asked questions, visit the Navy Region Hawaii website at www.cnrc.navy.mil/hawaii or Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam website at www.cnrc.navy.mil/pearl-harbor-hickam and click on the electricity rates FY14 graphic at the bottom of "popular links."

For questions or more information, contact Darryl Nii, director of Navy Region Hawaii Public-Private Venture Program at 474-1823 or Wendy Mekinda, general manager of Forest City Residential Management at 839-8601.

Correction:

In the article "Sailor takes to water for herself, others," which was published in the Aug. 23 edition of Ho'okele, page A-3, the correct rate and rank should be Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) (SW) Ulanka Beckom. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience that this may have caused.

For your situational awareness – tied to readiness

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

The War in the Pacific started on Oahu nearly 72 years ago after we were caught unaware. Thanks to superior U.S. naval strategy and an unmatched leader in Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, the Navy turned the tide and caught the enemy off-guard at the Fighting First."

In 1943, a combined arms approach with effective command and control over land, sea and air were employed to fight the Guadalcanal campaign—exactly 70 years ago. Valuable lessons were learned that we should not forget.

Nimitz is remembered for his uncanny ability to see the "big picture," a direct correlation to being one of our nation's greatest mili-

tary leaders. We should embrace the memory of the man who was at the helm of the Pacific Fleet and led the Navy to victory. On Sept. 2, we commemorate the 68th anniversary of the end of World War II at the "Mighty Mo" on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, where the USS Missouri Memorial Association will unveil a bronze sculpture of Fleet Adm. Nimitz.

Nimitz symbolized strength through readiness. I'm pleased his grandchil-

dren and their families will visit this weekend and attend Monday's commemoration ceremony. I look forward to meeting them and celebrating this historic event. I will be joined by our volunteer Pearl Harbor survivor liaison retired Master Chief Yeoman Jim Taylor, and we will be honored to be joined by Pearl Harbor survivor retired Chief Aviation Radioman George Bennett.

The fight for civil rights

I'm sure you are aware that this week our nation is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered at the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963. Like Nimitz, King was a strong and distinguished leader who took a stand for freedom and justice.

Rebecca Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii's environmental counsel, pointed out to me the connection between sexual assault

prevention and civil rights. The connection is found in the ideals of mutual respect and commitment to equality.

As Ms. Hommon said, "By truly seeing and treating each other as equally deserving of respect, we would not even think of assaulting or asserting our will on another." Dr. King's legacy lives on.

Summer safety awareness

Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer and a time to focus on safety as a mission. Of course, with our warm climate and outdoor lifestyles, this is a year-round emphasis.

In Hawaii, there have been several motorcycle accidents that have negatively impacted our military community. I don't want to write another letter of condolence. More to the point, I don't want another grieving family to have to read one.

I am convinced that heightened awareness can

prevent accidents on the road, on the job, on the hiking trail—wherever, whenever.

Prevention is an all hands evolution. Know what to do when you see something out of the ordinary on or off the job. Take a stand and have a voice to prevent not only safety mishaps but also sexual assaults, hazing and even suicides. Prevention is the key to readiness.

Awareness at PMRF

I spent Tuesday with U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, following a visit and discussion last week by U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono. "Operate Forward."

All of the Hawaii senators and representatives and many state legislators are interested in the mission and capabilities at PMRF, where we hone awareness, readiness and warfighting skills to defend our nation and our allies.

It is important for us to show the tremendous testing and training capabilities at PMRF and the exciting work being done to operate forward and improve readiness.

Capabilities like Aegis ashore and the training ranges will contribute to a combined arms approach, while integrating Hawaii Air National Guard, Army 25th Infantry Division elements and the Marines into future training events will be good for the region.

We also need to raise awareness about the great work the Region/MIDPAC team does to protect and care for the environment and promote STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

"Be Ready." Whether we're talking about the legacy of Fleet Adm. Nimitz and Dr. King, the importance of safety as a mission, or the need for integrated training in our region, awareness is tied to readiness.

SECDEF Hagel visits with Sailors, Marines at MCBH

Story and photo by MC1 Cynthia Clark

Defense Media Activity, Hawaii

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel visited Aug. 22 with Marines and Sailors assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay,

Hawaii before heading to Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia.

"I know something about you all," he said. "I know the kind of work you do. I know what you mean to our country, but I also know what you mean to our presence in this part of the world. You are on the front edge, you are at the

cutting edge of security, of stability, of prosperity — that's a big task, that's a big responsibility."

While speaking to the Marines and Sailors in attendance, he also shared his thoughts on the rebalancing of the Pacific and what lies ahead for today's military.

"You're all much aware of the rebalancing that President Obama initiated a couple of years ago," he said.

"This rebalancing is not only about security. It's not only about our security interest in this area. It's about a partnership of prosperity for this region in the world. Over six billion global citizens today ... the threats that confront the world are not unique to a region, to a country, to a religion, to an ethnic group, these are universal. Alliances become even more

than they have been in the past," Hagel continued.

He also spoke to those in attendance about retirement benefits. "They probably aren't going to increase, but you are not going to be hurt," he said.

Regarding the Post 9-11 G.I. Bill, which he sponsored while he was a member of the U.S. Senate, he said, "It's the right thing to do for our people, so we will do everything we can to protect [it]."

That reassured Lance Cpl. Alejandro Acosta from Roswell, Ga., who serves at Headquarters Battalion.

"It definitely answered a lot of questions I had about sequestration," Acosta said. "I'm sure a lot of other Marines had in mind as well, he really put us at ease. I appreciated that he came out here and we're happy to have him."



Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel addresses Marines and Sailors at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay on Aug. 22. Hagel was on his way to Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Diverse Views



What advice would you give to your fellow shipmates or wingmen to stay safe over the Labor Day weekend?



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Jacqueline Parks Smart Clinic Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"I would say don't drink and drive and always have a buddy."

Senior Airman Chris Garcia 647th Force Support Squadron



"A simple piece of advice is to not drink and drive."



Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Mario Molina Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"First and most important is to watch each other's back. We go out there and we are amongst fellow shipmates all the time. So most of it will be to take care of each other, look out for each other, make sure no one is stepping over the line, keeping it cool when it comes to drinking, being responsible."

Senior Airman Lakisha White 647th Force Support Squadron



"Always have a plan and watch out for sharks if you go to the beach."



Master Sgt. LaTrina Russell 647th Force Support Squadron

"Check your blind spots and watch out for cyclists: motorcyclists, moped riders and bicyclists. Share the road!"

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Omar Navarro Navy Region Hawaii



"If you're going to drink, know your limits, and if you're not going to drink apply operation risk management (ORM) obviously, and just have some fun."

(Provided by SrA Christopher Stoltz and MC2 Nardel Gervacio)

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War's end prompts celebration



Photo courtesy of the Naval History & Heritage Command

A pyrotechnic display in Leyte Gulf, Philippines, took place Aug. 15, 1945 in celebration of the end of World War II. Men watched the show from the mast crossrees in the upper right foreground. The photo is from the collection of Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

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Congressional staffers embark USS Olympia

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Nine staff members from Hawaii's Congressional delegates experienced life as a submariner, while on a distinguished visitor (DV) embark Aug. 23 aboard USS Olympia (SSN 717).

The staffers spent a full day touring the submarine and interacting with crew members. Their tour included access to the con-

trol room, crew berthings, torpedo room, a view of the surface through a periscope, and a ride on the bridge while underway.

Embarking DVs allows the Navy an opportunity to showcase the skills and abilities of its Sailors and assets, while also allowing guests to get a rare glimpse of life at sea.

"They experienced in one day what we get to do every day," said Lt. Cmdr. Tom Flaherty, Olympia's

executive officer.

"They got some insight into our crew, how proficient and professional they are, how young they may look but the incredible aptitude they have and the ability they possess to do their jobs well," he said.

Kamakana Kaumuloa, legislative assistant for Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI), agreed.

"It was amazing, seeing how all these Sailors work together on a small space.

On larger ships every one works in their own lane, but here everyone has to work together," Kaumuloa said.

"It was great seeing how things operate and getting a better sense of how submariners actually work."

"I really appreciate the opportunity to show the ship off whenever I can, and the entire crew has a lot of pride in it. It's great to be able to show what we do," said Lt. Eric Regnier, assistant weapons officer on board Olympia. "The entire ship is grateful for the opportunity."

"I thought it was an amazing experience. I thought we were very lucky to be a part of this," said Jessica VandenBerg, chief of staff for Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI).

"I don't really think you



U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 David Kolmel

Lauren Montez-Hernandez, military liaison for Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), listens to Lt. Eric Regnier, assistant weapons officer on board the USS Olympia (SSN717), explain how the periscope works in the control room during a distinguished visitor tour on Olympia.

can understand or appreciate what it's like to be on a submarine unless you come down and experience it yourself."

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(Missouri) during the Korean War. He talked to us about Navy history. It gave you a sense of pride in what you do," said Chief (select) Culinary Specialist James Nagle, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The graduation ceremony marked the end of six days aboard Missouri for the group of selectees chosen to participate in this year's legacy academy.

"I'm feeling pride right now. I'm very proud of being part of this process," said Chief (select) Logistics Specialist Pamela Esgeb, assigned to Commander, Special Operations Command.

"I'm not sure how they select people to come to the Legacy Academy. Either way, I'm proud

that I have been selected (for the academy). Being able to share this experience with two other selectees (in my command) was nice," said Esgeb.

"The Legacy Academy is very important because you meet future chiefs around the islands, and you never know when you may need someone. You meet a whole new networking system."

The success of the academy could not be achieved without the support and hard work of the Battleship Missouri Memorial staff of caretakers and volunteers. During his remarks to the selectees and Battleship Missouri Memorial Staff, Mike Carr, president and chief operations officer, said, "The chief petty officer community has been central in that support effort. I hope as you return

to your units and be part of that leadership that you remember the part the Missouri played in your career and service," Carr said.

Each CPO selectee received a plank and a challenge coin craved out of teakwood, reclaimed from the Missouri, to commemorate their dedication to the history of the battleship.

"I can say that this was one of the best weeks I've had in a while," said Chief (select) Machinist's Mate Lester Silva, assigned to Mobile Salvage Unit (MDSU) One at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"I learned so much about military history in Hawaii and USS Missouri [Battleship Missouri Memorial]. I think with how the Navy is going now, how we preserve our legacy and Navy traditions are very important," he said.

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War II commander.

"We are honored and thrilled to host the statue and are sure that it will be a focal point for many years to come," said Michael A. Carr, president and chief operating officer of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

"FADM Nimitz was the United States' signatory at the historic World War II surrender ceremony on the decks of the USS Missouri (BB-63). The reunion of these two icons of American history is a fitting homage to the day that peace was restored to the world," Carr said.

The twin grandsons of Fleet Adm. Nimitz, Chester Nimitz Lay and Richard

Freeman Lay, and their families will be in Hawaii to attend the end of World War II ceremony. The family will also be given a tour of other historic sites around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial, located a mere ship's length from the USS Arizona Memorial, completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the "day of infamy" that saw the sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ends with Imperial Japan's unconditional surrender aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. Following a career that spanned five decades and three wars, from World War II to the Korean conflict to the Liberation of Kuwait, the "Mighty Mo" was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc.

Submarine veteran returns to his Navy 'roots'

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When Eugene Kurtz toured the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN-717) on Aug. 15, it had been more than 65 years since he last stepped on board a submarine in Pearl Harbor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The last time Kurtz, now 85, was on a Navy submarine, he was a young Sailor assigned to USS Sterlet (SS-392) where he served as an electronics technician from 1946-1948. But according to Kurtz, while a lot has changed in 65 years, a lot is still the same.

"The ship is a lot bigger, but still the quarters are still very tight," he said. "The Sterlet had only one level while the Olympia has three, but still the passageways are tight and the living spaces are about the same size."

He also commented that the biggest difference is the advancement of technology, saying that "...everything is controlled by electronics and computers now."

Kurtz was born Oct. 2, 1928 in Shamokin, Pa., a little coal-mining town in central Pennsylvania.

He joined the Navy as a 5-foot, 3-inch, 119-pound recruit right out of high school.

"The recruiter told me to eat a couple of pounds of bananas before boot camp because the minimum weight requirement was 120 pounds," he recalled.

He made it into boot camp and his life was forever changed.

Before joining the Navy, the farthest that he had traveled was Philadelphia, Pa., 150 miles away. While on Sterlet, he traveled the western Pacific making port calls to Brisbane, Australia; Okinawa, Sasebo, and Yokosuka, Japan; and Guam.

One of his most memorable experiences was becoming a "shell-back" after crossing the equator.

"They had a lot of charges against me," he fondly recalled.

He also remembered sliding down the ladder when standing lookout just before the ship was going to dive and how good the food on board was.

"The food was great, a lot of vitamins and steak, and I grew about four inches and gained about 30 pounds," he said.

But Kurtz also recalled being the most scared when Sterlet dove down to 500 feet. (400 feet was test depth) and having water



U.S. Navy photo by YN2 Victor Diaz

Eugene Kurtz looks through the periscope of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) during a tour aboard the submarine at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 15.

spray out of several joints.

But most of all he remembers his fellow submariners and shipmates.

"We were a close-knit group," he said. "We had to share the same rack—while we were on watch someone else would use your bunk. As you know there was not much space."

After the Navy, Kurtz entered DeForest Training School (now DeVry University) in Chicago Ill., where he stayed until he retired a few years ago.

"I really appreciate that the Navy led me on my electronics career," he said. "The seed was planted when I was in the Navy. If I did not join the Navy, I probably would have stayed in Shamokin and been a coal miner."

Kurtz praised Olympia and the crew and thanked them for "bringing back a lot of memories."

"I want to thank the USS Olympia, the commanding officer, Cmdr. Michael Boone and chief of the boat, Master Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) Richard Salisbury," he said.

"They took the time and made me feel like a very important person, and I enjoyed the tour. They covered it very well."



Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



A Navy P-3C Orion aircraft lands on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 23. The aircraft is assigned to Patrol Squadron Nine at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe and operate temporarily from joint base while the MCBH runway undergoes renovations.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Terri Paden



Gunner's Mates Derrick Ellingson and Daylon Jordan of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) take their oath of reenlistment on the steps of the Sydney Opera House. Chung-Hoon is deployed to the Navy's U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility to promote peace and build military partnerships.

U.S. Navy photo NCI Anthony Wagner



Dr. Dorothy M. Goldsborough, a senior lecturer in criminology at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, speaks during the Women's Equality Day observance held Aug. 26 at the Makai Recreation Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

JBPHN photo by David D. Underwood Jr.



Sailors aboard Ticonderoga-Class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG-65) hook up hoses to a tank on the pier at Changi Naval Base. Chosin is currently operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. The ship and its crew are conducting exercises, port visits and operations to enhance maritime partnerships and promote peace and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by FC3 Andrew Albin



Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief John P. Ullery gives opening remarks to USS Missouri CPO Legacy Academy 008 graduates. CPO selectees spent an entire week living, working and training aboard the ship along with a group of chief petty officer mentors who provided leadership and lessons on Navy history and the heritage of the CPO community.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Cervacio



Drivers advised to be cautious, watch out for pedestrians

JBP HH Safety Department

Have you ever been driving and seen a car stopped in another lane? Do you decide to get in the other lane to go around them? Have you considered that the car is stopped at the crosswalk and that pedestrians may be crossing? We need to be careful about passing stopped cars—they are usually stopped for a reason.

According to the Hawaii Department of Transportation's Walk Wise Hawaii website:

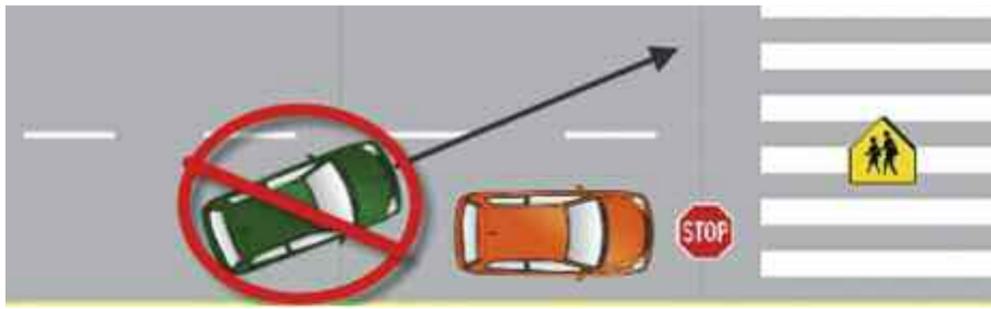
"The driver of a vehicle shall stop and yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger."

Hawaii remains a dangerous place for pedestrians: HI DOT notes that pedestrian fatalities this year have already risen to 21 deaths, which equals the total pedestrian fatalities

for 2012.

The next time you approach a crosswalk on base or off, make sure you slow down and are prepared to yield to any pedestrians that may be crossing, even if they are unseen from your vantage point and especially if there is a stopped car at the crosswalk.

The JBP HH Safety Office is located on the first floor of building 679 on the submarine side of joint base. For more information, call 473-1166 or email austen.cook@navy.mil.



CSADD emphasizes safety for upcoming Labor Day weekend

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Today members of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Coalition for Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) will be at the Nimitz and Makalapa gates for a Labor Day weekend "gate awareness" project from 6 to 8 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

CSADD members will hold signs in an effort to prevent destructive decisions by service members. Some of their signs say, "Don't Be That Guy: Drink Responsibly," and "Keep What You've Earned."

Members of the CSADD group have also recently unveiled new jerseys they will be wearing to identify themselves as members of the organization.

CSADD is sending out the word to service members that they should stay safe while enjoying a happy, upcoming Labor Day weekend.

"As our nation pays tribute to American workers during this Labor

Day weekend, we thank all branches of service for your dedicated service and hard work every day of the year," said Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith, CSADD president.

"While many of you enjoy a well-earned break to celebrate the last holiday of the summer season, we urge you to plan your activities with care and to make smart decisions that will keep you, your family and your fellow service members safe," Smith said.

"Safety is a concern for all of us. Sadly, too many service members have died in off-duty mishaps this year, many of which may have been preventable. The result of reckless behavior, such as excessive speed, irresponsible alcohol use, failure to use proper safety gear, or inattention is equally alarming," Smith emphasized.

Smith delivered his holiday safety message yesterday at a CSADD "safety stand down" event held at Sharkey Theater, Joint Base Pearl

Harbor-Hickam.

The event included the introduction of a new campaign that has been set in place to raise awareness and combat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). CSADD members attended the event and handed out free T-shirts, tote bags and educational information about PTSD awareness.

The event also included the show "A Shot of Reality," which combines interactive comedy, audience role-playing, facts and education to give the audience information about the dangers of alcohol. The show is designed as an honest, engaging, humorous and sober new look at alcohol awareness on a military installation.

In addition, Smith said CSADD is also encouraging everyone to beware of a new form of the drug, crystallized meth that, on the mainland, is currently being targeted at children. He said the new form of pink meth looks and smells like candy.

He advised parents to not allow their children to accept candy from strangers or from friends who may not know where it came from.

Local chapters of CSADD are part of a Navy-wide, peer-mentoring program for all aspects of life in which Sailors face pressures or temptations to make unwise decisions.

CSADD, whose motto is "CSADD cares," is looking for more service members to join their organization. For more information on how to join and about upcoming events, email jbphh.csaddcares@live.com and visit the Facebook page.

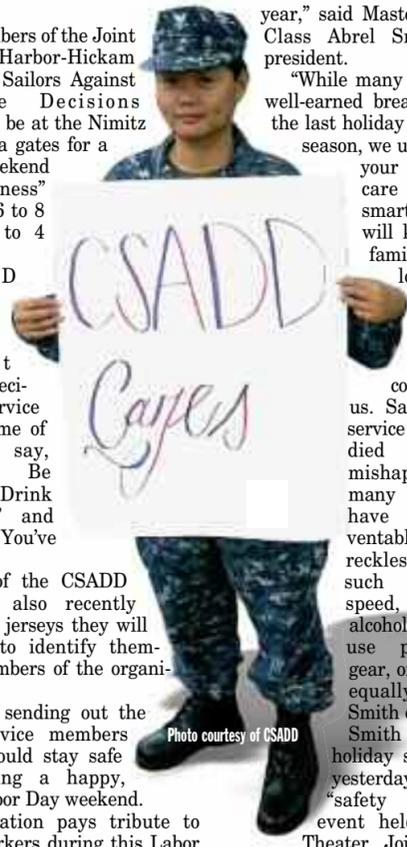


Photo courtesy of CSADD

Airmen Against Drunk Driving offers help

David D. Underwood Jr.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Airmen Against Drunk Driving (AADD) is a volunteer program that is available to military members and family members when they have had too much to drink and need a ride home.

The program is operated from the USO at the passenger terminal at joint base from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

"AADD is a great program when individual's plans have failed and they have no other options," said Airman 1st Class Amanda R. Chom, 352 Network Warfare Squadron, and president of the program. "We save about 300 lives and careers every quarter."

There are 20 volunteers who work in the program, and they receive about 10 calls per night on the weekends. There are two shifts each night with five Airmen assigned to each shift.

The volunteers are on standby at the USO until they receive a call and then are dispatched to the loca-

tion to pick up the individual needing a ride. They are accompanied by a wingman to help with directions and are also armed with a GPS. Since they use their own vehicles, they are given gas cards to replace the fuel they use.

The goal is to make sure people get home safely without incident. The patron leaves their vehicle where they were picked up, and it is their responsibility to retrieve it when they are able to drive. AADD is not responsible for bringing the individual's vehicle home for them because of Hawaii state laws and insurance reasons.

"I have been the president of AADD since January but have been involved with volunteering since September of last year when I arrived on island," said Chom.

"We emphasize that AADD should be used as a last resort," she said.

Chom said that the rules are going to be changing soon. Individuals needing this assistance can call 449-RIDE or 449-LIFT during the hours of operation. The service is anonymous.

Fed Fire responds to crash of single engine aircraft

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

At approximately 5:15 p.m. Aug. 27, the Federal Fire Department (FFD) and Honolulu Police Department responded to a distress call received by the Wheeler Army Air Field control tower. A civilian fixed wing single-engine aircraft reported engine trouble and crashed into a pineapple field about one mile south of Wheeler. (Initial reports to first responders that the aircraft was a helicopter were incorrect.) The pilot and his passenger, both adult males, exited the downed aircraft on their own; neither appeared to have suffered any life-threatening injuries.

FFD provided medical treatment at the scene and transported the pilot and passenger to an area hospital for further evaluation and medical treatment. The crash site was turned over to Honolulu Police Department who contacted the FAA.

Story Ideas?

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Japanese P-3 detachment trains with VP-9

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VP-9 Public Affairs

Combat aircrews from Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) "Golden Eagles," based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, hosted Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Detachment 48 during a recent bilateral exercise.

The exercise focused on improving tactical communication and coordination between the squadrons while conducting anti-submarine warfare operations.

During the JMSDF visit, aircrews from both units were able to cross deck and fly with their counterparts. Though the two nations fly the same model aircraft (P-3C Orion) and share many of the same procedures, there are a lot of differences in how each operates on station.

"When I saw the in-flight technician connect a hose to

the free fall chute to vacuum the aircraft in flight, I could see that I was going to learn a lot during the flight," said Lt. j.g. Chris Gilg.

While some differences were evident, many procedures were very similar between the two country's aircrews.

"As a flight engineer, I sat up front with the Japanese flight engineer. He operated the flight station the same as what I was taught all the way down to how he starts the engines and sets power," said Naval Air Crewman Mechanical 2nd Class Amanda Dewelles.

Cross decking is an opportunity to coordinate tactics and to gain familiarity prior to conducting real-world operations. The event wasn't all work and no play. Crews had ample time to socialize with their counterparts.

The "Golden Eagles" hosted the 4th of July Runway

Run at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, where several JMSDF participants earned medals for placing in the top three of their respective age groups.

"The motivation and commitment displayed by JMSDF DET 48 was instrumental to making the event a huge success for Marine Corps Community Services and VP-9," said Gilg, the event coordinator.

The JMSDF hosted a "sayonara party" at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Officers' Club as a thank you to the "Golden Eagles" for their hospitality. The event included traditional Japanese food and games.

"A farewell gathering is something of a tradition when a foreign squadron is hosted by another, and having the pleasure of attending the JMSDF farewell here at home was truly a great experience. The hospitality of the officers' club



Combat aircrews from Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) "Golden Eagles" based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay socialize with Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Detachment 48 as part of their bilateral exercise.

staff and the engaging conversation with counterparts from Japan made for an outstanding event. I enjoyed

sparkling up new conversations, trading patches, and presenting lithographs before the Japanese navy

flew out the door," said Naval Crewman Operator 2nd Class (NAC/AW) Scott Curtis.



U.S. Navy photos by MCSN Devin Menhardt

Cmdr. Brett Thompson relieves Cmdr. Brent Strong as commanding officer of Patrol Squadron Four.

VP-4 holds change of command

Lt. Colleen Conley

Patrol Squadron Four

Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) bid farewell to their commanding officer, Cmdr. Brent Strong, as Cmdr. Brett Thompson assumed command of the squadron, based at Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, on Aug. 22.

Strong served the "Skinny Dragons" as commanding officer from May 2012 through August 2013.

He led the 'Skinny Dragons' through a vigorous six-month deployment in the U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet area of responsibility, with 'Skinny Dragons' spanning over four detachment sites.

VP-4 completed 4,750 total flight hours and more than 800 sorties, while

maintaining a 98 percent mission completion rate on their most recent deployment.

"It has been a pleasure to serve as VP-4's commanding officer for the past year. The opportunity to work with our nation's finest and to deploy in support of our nation's defense has been inspirational," Strong said.

"Getting to do all this while stationed at beautiful Kaneohe MCBH was the icing on the cake. I wish the men and women of Patrol Squadron Four the best as they prepare for another deployment next summer and continued success as "Hawaii's Best" patrol and reconnaissance squadron," he said.

Strong will continue his career at the Pentagon. Thompson was inducted

into the "Skinny Dragon" family as executive officer in March 2013. "Becoming the CO is a complete honor and one that I will cherish for the rest of my life. We have an incredible squadron that clicks on all cylinders, thanks to the tremendous Sailors we have," Thompson said.

"I am incredibly humbled by the fact that I get to lead these fine men and women for the next year. I am definitely the luckiest man right now."

Cmdr. Eric M. Hanks, originally from Jennings, La., will be the squadron's new executive officer.

VP-4, established in 1928, has served the United States as a maritime patrol and reconnaissance platform, supporting and defending our nation across the globe.