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## Commanding Officer's Hot Line: Ext. 4435

You can call the Captain with your question/concern. Dial 335-4435 any time, seven days a week! The purpose of the hot line (record-a-phone) is to provide all PMRF military members, families, civil service and contractor employees the opportunity to communicate directly with the CO. Some suggestions are:

- Safety suggestions/violations/unsafe practices, ideas to improve safety and promote safety awareness.
- Ways to improve morale, working or living conditions.
- Suggestions on how to save taxpayer dollars, cut costs, save energy, reduce labor man hours, etc.
- Security violations and/or recommendations for strengthening physical security and safeguarding classified information.
- Any positive things (events, programs, policies, benefits, etc.) that you feel are particularly good.
- Any negative things you feel should have the CO's attention.
- Suggestions for improving disaster preparedness (tsunamis, hurricanes, fires, etc.)

You need not identify yourself to leave a message, but if you would like a staffed response, please do so. If reporting a problem, please try to recommend a workable solution. Some of the questions or problems reported will be answered in the Within Range.

A good point of contact for issues involving Navy families is the PMRF Ombudsman, Victoria Diendorf who can be reached at: Cell 635-5364 or email at [pmrfoambudsman@yahoo.com](mailto:pmrfoambudsman@yahoo.com).

And, remember the chain of command. Your first step with a suggestion should be to try it out on those you work with or the personal responsible for the department.



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*After trouncing the competition in a Ping Pong tournament at Shenanigans, MWR Director Bill Bray plays racquetball by himself on the count that no one will play paddle sports with him anymore. Photo by MC2 Mathew Diendorf.*

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## Racquetball court reopens on PMRF

Story by Stefan Alford

Rocky Ruiz hadn't picked up a racquetball racquet in so long that he couldn't recall the last time he played.

"It's been many, many years," said the former Pacific Missile Range Facility ordnance worker who retired in 2010 after 42 years on base. He used to be a regular on the court back when it first opened here in the heyday of the booming sport in the mid-1970's.

"It was really popular back then with the Sailors – they all used to play," he reminisced. "But, it wasn't a great court. It was all cement – the floors, the walls – it got hot in there like a sauna."

Without air conditioning, the walls sweat as much as the players and sometimes affected the play of the ball.

The lone, free-standing building near the fitness

*Capt. Bruce W. Hay, commanding officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility, right, prepares to unwrap a lei for the newly renovated racquetball court at PMRF. Since 2010, PMRF has been home to the only racquetball court on the island of Kauai. Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf.*

center that served as the court hadn't changed much in almost 40 years – until major renovations to improve it began last fall by Manu Kai contractors.

The refurbished facility was unveiled with a local version of a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 31 with PMRF Commanding Officer Capt. Bruce Hay presiding over a lei unwrapping.

With the re-opening, the Navy court is once again the only racquetball facility on Kauai, following the shuttering of the five courts in 2010 that were part of the Kauai Athletic Club, said Philip Eliana, arguably Kauai's top racquetball player.

Ruiz came back for the event by invite of Eliana, who offered a free clinic and demonstration

after the grand opening for about a dozen players of all levels.

"Rocky was my mentor out here – I learned from him," said Eliana, who has won 10 national medals since 2010, including the Hawaiian State Doubles Championship, and is the current U.S. national champion of the Military Racquetball Federation (MRF) in the over-50's, single division.

As Ruiz surveyed the shiny wooden floor and nodded approvingly at the temperature-controlled environment, one could almost see a glimmer of longing toward coming out of his self-imposed retirement.

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# Navy marks birthday of the CPO

## *MCPON hosts predecessors*

Story by MC2 Sean Hurt  
Defense Media Activity

The Navy celebrated the 121st birthday of the chief petty officer rank April 1 at the Navy Memorial in Washington D.C.

Five former master chief petty officers of the Navy (MCPON) and Ima Black, widow of the first MCPON Delbert Black, joined MCPON Mike Stevens for the ceremony.

Hundreds of chief petty of-

ficers from across the country came out to celebrate the occasion and got a chance to meet the former MCPONs.

"You are the forbearers, you are the flag bearers, you are the backbone of our Navy, and I say that not flippantly, but I actually believe that with all of my heart -- that without the chiefs we've got some big problems," said guest speaker and the 6th MCPON William Plackett.

The U.S. Navy grade of chief

petty officer was established April 1, 1893 to distinguish the senior enlisted leaders.

The grade of senior chief petty officer and master chief petty officer followed in 1958.

Since the beginning, chief petty officers have been given the responsibility of leading Sailors, ready to carry out the Navy's mission when called upon.

"Do the things you do on a day-to-day basis: taking care of our Sailors and never forgetting where you yourself came from," said Plackett.

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“It’s beautiful,” he said. “It looks like a genuine racquetball court now.”

The contrast also wasn’t lost on George Evanoff, one of the current crop of regulars who had been waiting since October to get back on the court.

“It’s a real court now,” he echoed Ruiz’ assessment. “Before, half the ceiling was open to the rafters and there’d be birds up there, and the ceiling leaked, so that created a water hazard. The walls were bowed outward in places and the big skylight windows created a lot of glare from the sun.”

But while Evanoff and others are grateful to again enjoy the sport, for Eliana having the court back is more than just a recreational outlet. It’s the only place on island that he can train for this year’s MRF Nationals.

“This is the only court here,” said the 55-year-old Air National Guard member, who has been a part of the 14-person Air Force national team the past three years – the only Guard player on the primarily active duty roster. “I’m fortunate to be able to train here.”

Prior to using the PMRF facility, Eliana was a regular at the Kauai Athletic Club, where he organized the annual Garden Island Classic racquetball tournaments.

“Today is even more special



*Rocky Ruiz serves the first ball on the newly remodeled racquetball court to Philip Eliana. Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf.*

by having Rocky out here,” Eliana said. “He’s a racquetball legend on the West side and inspired me to get to where I am today. Even though he was 10 years older than me, he used to whip me all the time and made it look easy. He made me a better player.”

By the end of the ceremony,

it didn’t take much coaxing from those gathered to convince Rocky to lace his shoes, don some goggles, pick up a racquet for the first time in “many, many years” and return to the court in a friendly match with his one-time protégé to break in the hardwood floor.

## TSA expands expedited screening to include DoD, Coast Guard civilians

*By American Forces Press Service, Washington*

Beginning April 15, Defense Department and Coast Guard civilian employees will be able to take advantage of the TSA Pre-check expedited screening program at more than 115 airports across the country.

“We’ve worked closely with TSA over the past few months to expand the Pre-check program to include the department’s 800,000 civilian employees,” said Mary Snavely-Dixon, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center. “Our civilian employees play vital roles in our nation’s defense each and every day. Expanding TSA’s program to include them is great news.”

All military and Coast Guard personnel, including those in the reserves and the National Guard, already are eligible for the program, which began in March 2012.

A secure and reliable data-sharing agreement between the Defense Department and TSA provides verification of eligibility, officials said. Participating members can keep their shoes or boots, light outerwear and their belts on during preflight screening, and can keep their laptop computer in its case. They also may have a 3-1-1 compliant liquids and gels bag in a carry-on bag in select screening lanes.

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# MPC 2 arrives at Port Allen

*Multi-Purpose Craft (MPC) 2, built by Modutech in Seattle, was shipped on a barge to Honolulu and picked up by PMRF Manu Kai employees. MPC 2 arrived at Port Allen commercial boat harbor March 17. The new craft replaces TWR 883. Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf.*



# ENC Ramsey retires after 22 years



Chief Engineman Michael Ramsey transferred to the Fleet Reserve, March 19, after 22 years of active service. ENC's career included decommissioning two ships, a deployment to Iraq with Riverine Squadron 3, an Individual Augmentee deployment to the Horn of Africa and culminating as SEPTAR's leading chief. **(TOP LEFT)** ENC Ramsey receives a Navy Commendation Medal from Capt. Bruce Hay, PMRF commanding officer. **(TOP RIGHT)** ENC Ramsey receives a gift from ENC Zachary Davenport (left) and ASC Ryan Gillig representing the PMRF Chief's Mess. **(LEFT)** ENC Ramsey is joined by his wife of 14 years, Pam, as he is piped aside for the last time.

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To participate in TSA Pre-check, military personnel and DOD and Coast Guard civilian employees must provide their DOD Identification number -- the 10-digit number on the back of their common access card -- when making travel reservations. This can be done through the Defense Travel System, through a travel management center, or when booking leisure travel through airline or travel websites. The DOD ID number is to be used in place of the

"Known Traveler Number."

It's important to note, officials said, that once their eligibility takes effect April 15, DOD and Coast Guard civilian employees first must "opt in" to the TSA Pre-check program by visiting the "milConnect" website at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mil-connect>. After selecting the "My Profile" menu tab after logging into the website, users will be guided through the opt-in process. Civilian employees need to opt in only once, officials said. Military members already are eligible and do not need to opt in, they added.

Another major change to the TSA Pre-check program is the phase-out of service members having their common access cards scanned at 10 domestic airports.

With the transition to using the DOD ID number in making airline reservations, officials said, scanning of ID cards is no longer required and will be eliminated soon. TSA always will incorporate random and unpredictable security measures throughout airports, officials said, and no one is guaranteed expedited screening.

# WCMS visits for Career Fair



More than 140 6th-grade students from Waimea Caynon Middle School attended a Career Fair at PMRF March 14 prior to their spring break. Students recieved briefings from representatives of various career fields around the base, ate lunch at Shenanigans and enjoyed outdoor activities and games with Morale, Welfare and Recreation support. Photo by MC2 Mathew Diendorf.



Carl Frolander, with Crowman helicopter support, takes questions during a tour of the aircraft hangar. Photo by Stefan Alford.



Pat Kaneshiro, PMRF Fire Department, shows a student the proper way to use a fire extinguisher. Photo by Stefan Alford.



Students check out the security vehicles. Photo by Stefan Alford.



John Burger, Range Complex Sustainment Coordinator, emphasizes environmental programs. Photo by MC2 Mathew Diendorf.

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(TOP) Erik Greffath, PMRF fitboss, officiates a game of dodgeball. Photo by Stefan Alford.  
 (ABOVE) Pamai Cano, Manu Kai Human Resources and Carla Garania, Manu Kai Finance, discuss career opportunities at PMRF. Photo by MC2 Mathew Diendorf.



(ABOVE) MC2 Mathew Diendorf talks to students about Navy photographers and journalists.  
 (LEFT) AS2 Henry Seeger explains helo ops in support of range operations. Photos by Stefan Alford.

# April is sexual assault awareness month

By Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy

April 2014 is sexual assault awareness and prevention month and will be recognized as such throughout the department of the Navy. This year's theme is "live our values: step up to stop sexual assault."

Sexual assault is a crime. Every sailor, marine, and department of the navy civilian is responsible for their own actions and for intervening to protect others from harm. we hold ourselves to high standards, our core values demand nothing less, and our nation rightfully expects us to set a visible and consistent example for all. we must all be personally committed, as i am, to a culture of gender respect where no one must suffer the trauma of sexual assault, where sexual assault victims receive support and protection, and where offenders are held appropriately accountable.

Together, we have accomplished much in the past year. Sailors and marines are better educated and more aware of sexual assault issues than they have ever been. They are more comfortable reporting sexual assaults when they occur, and many have intervened themselves, or witnessed acts of intervention to pre-



*NEWPORT (April 16, 2013) Sailors and Marines gather on the flight deck of the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) to form a teal ribbon in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Hannah Wilhide/Released.)*

vent assaults. Leaders at all levels are engaged, and victim support processes are stronger, as are our capabilities for criminal investigation and prosecution of cases. Our primary challenge remains - to prevent sexual assaults in the first place. There are no simple precedents to follow and we will break new ground in doing so. One result will be enduring culture change.

Sexual assault awareness and prevention month is an annual reminder of values and commitments that apply all year. I encourage you to organize or participate in local and regional events. Together, we can eliminate this crime. Nothing less is accept-

able.

I pledge to all victims of sexual assault our department-wide commitment to your support and healing. I encourage you to seek that support. Your local victim advocate, uniformed victim advocate, sexual assault response coordinator, or civilian employee assistance specialists are excellent initial points of contact. In addition, live confidential assistance is available anywhere 24/7 from the safe helpline toll-free at (877) 995-5247 or by chat at [www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org).

The SAPR hotline for Oahu is (808) 722-6192 and PMRF is (808) 551-1452.

## County of Kauai News

### Kauai Visitors Bureau offers local, military discounts

Several visitor-oriented businesses and hotels on Kaua'i offer lower rates for kama'aina, or locals, as well as discounts to military families.

A Kaua'i Visitors Bureau program wants to spread the word and make it easier for locals to enjoy a well-deserved "staycation."

"The Kaua'i Visitors Bureau is seeking fun and exciting kama'aina offers to be included on the Kaua'i Kama'aina website," according to a recent KVB press release.

Kaua'i Kama'aina at [www.KauaiKamaaina.com](http://www.KauaiKamaaina.com) provides a list of specials for activities and accommodations throughout the island, for

local and military families to enjoy, according to KVB. New offers for the summer season will go live on the website May 1.

In 2013, the webpage was visited approximately 11,000 times by 4,600 new visitors, providing families with staycation ideas and activities close to home.

### County Recognizes PMRF Environmental Efforts



Center, JoAnn Yukimura of the Kauai County Council presents a certificate to John Burger, Pacific Missile Range Facility range complex sustainment coordinator, April 2 to recognize PMRF's achievements in Natural Resources Conservation programs in 2013. On March 31, the Secretary of the Navy announced that PMRF was chosen as the winner of the Navy's Environmental Award for Natural Resources Conservation in the small installation category and will represent the service at the Department of Defense-level environmental awards. The council commended the Navy base's efforts to protect nocturnal fledging migratory seabirds under the Endangered Species Act by modifying exterior lighting to prevent fallout, as well as the base's Laysan Albatross egg relocation program. In the back row from left are council member Gary Hooser, council chair Jay Furfaro, PMRF wildlife biologist Tom Savre, PMRF Security Officer LTJG Billy Newell, and council members Mel Rapozo, Mason Chock, and Ross Kagawa. Photo by Stefan Alford.

## Wish you were here - Photos from the Fleet



*INDIAN OCEAN (March 11, 2014) An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter lands on the flight deck of the amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49). Harpers Ferry is part of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group and, with the embarked 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (13th MEU), is deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Mark El-Rayes/Released)*

*DAHLGREN, Va. (March 7, 2014) Ron Flatley, left, high-energy laser area director at the Directed Energy Warfare Office, briefs Chief of Naval Research Rear Adm. Matthew Klunder on the A/N SEQ-3(XN-1) Solid State Laser-Quick Reaction Capability system's beam director and tracking mount during a tour. The Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division's directed energy team is performing integration tests on the Potomac River Test Range in preparation for the solid-state laser's deployment aboard the Afloat Forward Staging Base (Interim) USS Ponce (AFSB(I)15) in the summer of 2014. (U.S. Navy photo by John F. Williams/Released)*



*DEVESELU, Romania (March 30, 2014) Builder 1st Class Jose Andino, right, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, oversees the quality and progress of a project. Seabees from NMCB 74 are constructing a security force camp in support of the Aegis Ashore ballistic missile defense facility in Deveselu. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Sydney Thorne/Released)*