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*HMCS Calgary (FFH 335), a Royal Canadian Halifax-class frigate, transits the Kaulakahi channel between the islands of Kauai and Niihau on her way PMRF's training and test range west of Kauai.*

## 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.



*It was a photo finish, but Senior Chief Rolan Jiao crossed the line at #91, right after his wife Rose at #89 and their dog Ruby at #90 in the MWR-sponsored island-wide 5K Fun Run, July 19 at Shenanigans. Jiao was later heard complaining that Ruby should be disqualified because of an unfair advantage of having four legs. Photo by Stefan Alford*

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Photo taken aboard the LDS test vehicle after being dropped from the high altitude balloon. You can see the balloon floating back to earth from 120,000 feet. Photo courtesy of NASA/JPL-CALTEC.

# NASA's LDS test successful

*From NASA Public Affairs*

The balloon launch occurred at 8:45 a.m. at PMRF. At 11:05 a.m. the test vehicle dropped away from the balloon (as planned), and powered flight began. The balloon and test vehicle were about 120,000 feet over the Pacific Ocean at the time of the drop. The vehicle splashed down in the ocean at approximately 11:35 a.m., after the engineering test flight concluded.

This test was the first of three planned for the Low-Density Supersonic Decelerator (LDS) project, developed to evaluate new landing technologies for future Mars missions. While this initial test was designed to determine

the flying ability of the vehicle, it also deployed two new landing technologies as a bonus. Those landing technologies will be officially tested in the next two flights, involving clones of the saucer-shaped vehicle. Initial indications are that the vehicle successfully flew its flight test profile as planned, and deployed the two landing technologies. The first is a doughnut-shaped tube called the Supersonic Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (SIAD), with early indications that it deployed as expected. The second is an enormous parachute (the Supersonic Disk Sail Parachute). Imagery downlinked in real-time from

the test vehicle indicates that the parachute did not deploy as expected.

In order to get larger payloads to Mars, and to pave the way for future human explorers, cutting-edge technologies like LDS are critical. Among other applications, this new space technology will enable delivery of the supplies and materials needed for long-duration missions to the Red Planet.

The upper layers of Earth's stratosphere are the most similar environment available to match the properties of the thin atmosphere of Mars. The

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(TOP) Manu Kai employees load BQM 74 aerial targets onto launchers in preparation of an air to air missile exercise.  
(BOTTOM) Two BQM 74 aerial targets launch during an air to air missile exercise.

## Reserve Sailors Bring Support During RIMPAC

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Khor, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs



Reservist Sailors from around the nation are at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to support Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, U.S. 3rd Fleet (CTF-34), participating in the world's largest international maritime exercise, the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC), with activities situated in and around the Hawaiian islands.

RIMPAC brings together 22 nations, more than 50 ships and submarines, 200 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel from June 26 to Aug. 1.

Captain Rod Urbano, chief of staff for CTF-34, notes that reservists are a critical component to the success of exercises like RIMPAC.

"I view the Reserve Component as a powerful force multiplier for CTF-34 staff," said Urbano. "They are fully

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*A U.S. Marine provides cover during a multi-national airfield assault exercise. (Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf)*

integrated into our Theater Anti-Submarine Warfare Watch Team, and without their support it would be impossible for us to execute all of our assigned missions. For RIMPAC specifically, our Reserve personnel have been involved in every phase, from planning to execution, and are a critical component to the successes we've been able to achieve."

Captain Timothy Wolters, commanding officer of Undersea Warfare Operations Detachment I and Submarine Force Reserve Component/RIMPAC coordinator, said reservists come from a multitude of backgrounds.

"There are a wide variety of military and civilian experiences that the reservists bring to the table," said Wolters. "More than half of the reservists supporting RIMPAC have performed an Individual Augmentee deployment, and civilian occupations range from

stay-at-home parents, to university professors, to biomedical engineers, to independent business owners."

Reservist Electronics Technician 2nd Class Sarah Bostick and other enlisted reservists support CTF-34 by compiling and tracking units to provide the battle watch captains a picture of the battle space during RIMPAC and other exercises.

"I spent three years training and learning with my reserve unit," said Bostick, who drills at Navy Operational Support Center Fort Worth, Texas.

Enjoying the opportunity to put her training to practical use, Bostick added, "It's nice to be able put two and two together to understand the dynamics and relationships we have with the different component commands."

Despite many reservists leaving their fulltime jobs in the civilian world for sometimes undetermined amounts of time,

and often faced with logistical challenges, they continue to support various assignments like RIMPAC and continue to be an integral part of the Navy.

Wolters said reservists continue to help in the overall mission by providing critical skills at a moment's notice. "Since many reservists already have extensive active-duty experience, they already have the knowledge of how undersea warfare works and help save time and money for the Navy who would otherwise have to train new active duty personnel," he said.

"RIMPAC is a rewarding experience for both the reservists and the Navy," said Wolters. "It provides excellent training for the reservists and provides the Navy with quality, experienced individuals who fit the needs of the many positions required. The Reserve Force helps man the needed positions to complete any number of critical jobs to support a task force."

Reservist and RIMPAC participant, Lt. Cmdr. Joshua Hepola, commanding officer of Naval Reserve Expeditionary Unit, Detachment I in Louisville, Ky., has spent more than seven years on active duty including duty in Iraq, and currently works for Bell Helicopter.

"It's a good framework for organizing anything," said Hepola, referring to a military background as a strong foundation for civilian companies to

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LDSD mission developed this test method to ensure the best prospects for effective testing of the new and improved technologies.

NASA's LDSD program is part of the agency's Space Technology Mission Directorate, which is innovating, developing, testing and flying hardware for use in NASA's future missions.



**(TOP)** The crew recovers the 856 feet tall NASA high altitude balloon **(LEFT)** Recovery crew pulls up the 100 foot wide supersonic parachute following the test vehicle launch. **(BOTTOM)** Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team members sit on the LDSD test vehicle while waiting to be fished out of the Pacific Ocean. Photos by NASA/JPL-CALTEC.



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hire prior military.

Hepola added that it is beneficial for reservists to participate in exercises like RIMPAC because it gives exposure to what is going on in today's Navy, allowing reservists the ability to keep their skills at optimal levels needed to be of support at a moment's notice.

In addition to helping reservists maintain proficiency with the active-duty Navy, being sent to many different places has other advantages.

Reservist and RIMPAC participant Electronics Technician 1st Class Long Han from Houston, Texas, said he enjoys the opportunity to bring family to the places he himself enjoys when not working. Han said he enjoys Hawaii very much, and would like to bring his family to Hawaii to enjoy the fun in the sun.

"Hawaii is always awesome," said Han. "When I'm not busy doing RIMPAC stuff, I can spend time at the beach, so that's kind of cool."

Han's involvement with RIMPAC as a database manager helps build the "digital picture," from which others can make decisions based on this picture.

For RIMPAC, Navy Reserve Sailors have filled or are filling billets in support of Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), as well as CTF-34. The functions range from planning to watch-standing to naval liaisons at sea with our international counterparts. Reservists

are an excellent, cost-effective way to augment the active-duty component for large exercises like RIMPAC, bringing extended expertise to the table and saving taxpayers money.

"With approximately 130 members serving during RIMPAC for at least 16 days each, reservists have been an integral part of this exercise," added Wolters.

To learn more about RIMPAC, go to [www.cpf.navy.mil/rimpac/2014](http://www.cpf.navy.mil/rimpac/2014).



(TOP) A CH 53 helicopter lifts off after off loading U.S. and multi-national Marines during an airfield assault at PMRF. (MIDDLE) Multi-national Marines exit an MV 22 Osprey during an airfield assault at PMRF. Photos by Stefan Alford (BOTTOM) Multi-national Marines participate in an airfield assault at PMRF. Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf.

# World Hula Conference visits Nohili



**(TOP)** Sarah Grossman, right, from halau hula o haliileo, leads a hula group of 40 people from around the United States and Japan in learning Nohili E. Approximatley 1,000 hula dancers from nine different countries came to Kauai for the World Hula Conference, July 10-18. **(BOTTOM)** Hula dancers pose for a photograph at Nohili Dunes on PMRF. Photos by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf.

# PMRF hosts 5K Sunset Run



A field of 107 runners from all over Kauai covered a 5K course July 19 at PMRF. The Sunset Run started at Shenanigans restaurant, winding to the south gate and back as the event was open to the general public. Jackie Reding from Kapaa came in first overall with a time of 21:09, followed by second-place finisher and first in the men's division, Brian Reynolds, at 21:10. "It was great to see more than 100 runners came out, including entire military families and our local Kauai neighbors," said Bill Bray, morale, welfare and recreation director. "This was the largest run in quite a while on PMRF and the Fit Crew is already working on the next major event planned around Halloween." Photo by Stefan Alford.

## Navy Ball Cap Wear Policy to Expand

From Chief of Naval Personnel  
Public Affairs Office

The Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) announced July 11 a change to uniform regulations giving commanding officers discretion to authorize the wear of command ball caps with Navy Working Uniforms (NWU) Type I, II and III beginning Sept. 1.

Initiated by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, this change is a result of Sailor feedback

received at all hands calls and is part of Navy's efforts to further empower command triads.

Currently ball caps can only be worn with the physical training uniform, coveralls and flight suits; with NWUs only when standing bridge watch and by command training teams during a training evolution.

The 8-point cover remains part of a Sailor's sea bag.

The change in wear rules for

the ball caps, which will include Fleet leadership input, will be released in a NAVADMIN later this summer and will include occasion of wear rules.

Sailors can provide feedback on uniforms to [umo\\_cmc@navy.mil](mailto:umo_cmc@navy.mil) or [usnpeople@gmail.com](mailto:usnpeople@gmail.com).

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cnp/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cnp/).

## County of Kauai News

### Results of Citizen Technology Survey available online

LĪHU'E – The results of the Citizen Technology Survey that was conducted by the county last year are now available online, [kauai.gov/tech2020](http://kauai.gov/tech2020).

"I want to thank everyone that participated in this survey. The results will help us to prioritize our technology projects as we strive to continually improve the services we offer our citizens," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr.

Noting that the survey is a Holo Holo 2020 initiative, the mayor said that the primary aim of the survey was to find out how technology can be used to bring county services closer to people in the various communities throughout the island, and even into their homes.

Based on the findings, the county has developed a list of potential projects including:

*-Do a better job of raising public awareness regarding what types of online services are available.*

*-Overhaul the county website to make it more visual and easier to navigate with a concise and uncluttered menu system.*

*-Create a centralized online resource allowing citizens to easily contact key county personnel.*

*-Provide new online services to reserve parks, sign up for events, apply for camping permits and pay for associated fees using online or smart-phone applications.*

*-Implement a real-time bus tracking system that would help the county to efficiently manage routes and dispatch buses.*

In the coming months, the county will post detailed project definitions and progress reports that are pursued as result of the survey.

Overall, the respondents were pleased to be able to provide feedback and felt that the survey was a measure of the county's interest in the needs of the people who live and work on Kaua'i. Many also expressed an interest in taking future online surveys.

The Citizen Technology Survey was developed by county personnel and made available to the public on the county's website from Aug. to Dec. 2013. County resources and web-based survey tools were leveraged in order to minimize the costs associated with expensive consultants and labor-intensive

mailings.

The survey is one of Mayor Carvalho's Holo Holo 2020 projects.

The mayor's Holo Holo 2020 vision calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.

### Tree Tunnel to close Aug. 2

KŌLOA – Maluhia Road, from the Tree Tunnel to the Ala Kinoiki Road junction, will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The closure is necessary to allow the Department of Public Works to remove the trees in the Tree Tunnel that are dying.

During the road closure, traffic will be diverted to Piko, Ōma'o and Kōloa roads.

Motorists in the area should allow extra travel time and follow the speed limits and all traffic signs.

For more information about the road closure, please call Scott Suga with the Roads Division at 241-4844.

## Wish you were here - Photos from the Fleet



**KAWAIHAE HARBOR, Hawaii (July 17, 2014)** Seaman Darius Thigpen, from Chicago, directs departing landing craft air cushion (LCAC) assigned to Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 5 at Kawaihae Harbor, Hawaii, during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014. Twenty-two nations, 49 ships and six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC exercise from June 26 to Aug. 1, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Katarzyna Kobiljak/Released)

**NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain (July 18, 2014)** Fleet Master Chief April Beldo, left, Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education (MPT&E), talks with Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Valerie Carson about female leaders in the Navy today. Beldo visited Naval Station Rota with Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Bill Moran and answered questions from Sailors regarding uniform changes, pay incentives and retention. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Gulianna Dunn/Released)



**KANEOHE BAY (July 17, 2014)** A U.S. Navy explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) technician assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 3 jumps out of a U.S. Army UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter assigned to 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, as part of a multinational helicopter-insertion familiarization during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014. Twenty-two nations, 49 ships and six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC exercise from June 26 to Aug. 1, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Christopher D. Blachly/Released)