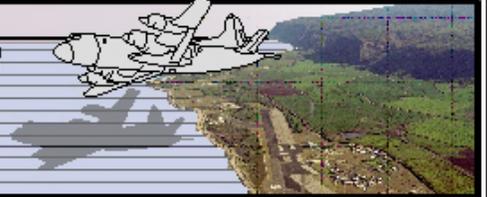


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PMRF celebrates Independence Day

COME CELEBRATE JULY 4TH AT SHENANIGANS

STARS AND STRIPES FREEDOM CELEBRATION

This is a FREE event with live music, games, crafts, food, eating contests, youth programs, and, of course, colossal fireworks.

**FRIDAY, JULY 1
5 TO 11 P.M.**

This is a drug-free event! This celebration is open to all friends and supporters of PMRF. All vehicles are subject to search. Please enter from the housing gate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 335-4346.



PMRF announces its Stars & Stripes Freedom Celebration, to be held Friday, July 1 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. All friends and supporters of PMRF are invited. The event will be held on the grounds of Shenanigans restaurant.

PMRF's Commanding Officer,

Captain Nicholas Mongillo will be on hand to welcome everyone and speak to the importance of Independence Day.

Kauai bands The Quake Kauai, Greenstone Project, the Rakudo Taiko Ensemble and H. Hawaii Media will provide music and entertainment. The event will

also include a 14-minute heart-pounding fireworks display on the beach presented by Pyro Spectaculars as well as games and craft booths available throughout the event.

Activities include a youth water balloon toss, ice cream eating contest, various carnival games, water balloon musical chairs, volleyball competition (three person teams), human foosball competition, pie eating contest, youth bouncers, frozen T-shirt competition, paintball booth and adult tug-of-war competition.

Food vendors will include Kalaheo Steak and Ribs, Kujos, King's Chapel, St. Theresa's, MWR and MSO.

Admission is free for this quality, family-oriented event. Friends and supporters of PMRF and guest cardholders can enter the base through the main gate (also known as the Housing Gate) at Mile Marker 30 of Kaula Highway.

Watch for signs on the highway for directions. Free parking will be available on base, although visitors are reminded that all vehicles will be subject to search. Sorry, no outside food or beverages, coolers, tents, pets, weapons (including knives of all types) or personal fireworks allowed. Beach umbrellas can be used. All backpacks are subject to search. This is a Drug-Free event.

For more information, please call (808) 335-4346.

Commanding Officer's Hot Line: Ext. 4435

You can call the Captain with your question/concern too. Dial 335-4435 any time, seven days a week! The purpose of the hotline (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 manhours, 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, Dawn Gregg who can be reached at: Cell 635-5364 or email at pmrfoambudsman@yahoo.com.



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"You shall not pass!"

LS2 Brandon Healy (left) and EN2 Juan Rodriguez fill in for Gandalf on his day off.

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Household goods movers fully booked to some locations

By Cullen James, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The Navy's Household Goods department is urging Sailors and civilian employees to postpone the scheduling of any household goods pack and pick-up through July 15

The Navy's current transportation service providers are fully booked to and from Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

"If you can avoid this period, we advise you to do so," said Frank Piacine, Navy Household Goods director. "Many folks do not have a choice; however, those who have a choice of moving dates should avoid this time frame or else be prepared for possible problems. Short-notice cancellations of moves may occur but the majority of moves will take place as scheduled."

Those who have already scheduled their household goods pick-up should be aware that they could experience problems too.

"If you have been contacted by a moving company, we recommend you maintain communications with them and call them several times, including the day before the scheduled pick-up," Piacine said. "If you have not been contacted by a company and your move is fast approaching we recommend you contact your local Department of Defense personal property office for assistance."

Customers who are projected to move by July 15 and have not yet scheduled their pack-out should immediately log into the



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Kerik Vargas switches his lights to high efficient light bulbs as part of an energy conservation initiative at Commander, Navy Region Hawaii. U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mark Logico.

Defense Personal Property System (DPS), register a user identification and complete their self-counseling or go to the local personal property office to receive face-to-face counseling. Sailors and civilians can register with DPS at www.move.mil.

According to Piacine, customers whose scheduled pack outs are cancelled need to contact their local personal property office immediately. There are different options available depending on the customer's circumstances.

"Members who are separating, retiring, vacating government quarters or have a date that cannot be changed will need to work closely with their local personal property office to reschedule the move or have their goods stored at the current location until transportation becomes available. Alternatively, customers can choose to perform a Personally Procured Move (PPM) and move as scheduled to meet their report date or have

family member remain behind to conduct the move," Piacine said.

A PPM was formerly called a do-it-yourself (DITY) move. Personnel who decide to do a PPM will be provided a rough estimate of what the government will pay them to hire someone to move them. This estimate is also how much the member can expect to see come back to them if they move themselves.

"If a member pays attention to counseling, does a proper PPM, then they may even make some money on the deal as the government will pay them 95 percent of what the government would have paid a moving company to move all their household goods in one lot," Piacine said.

There are many factors that could impact whether or not a pack out or move could be

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Greenert recommended for CNO



Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus congratulates Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert on his nomination to be the next Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Kevin S. O'Brien

From Department of Defense

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates announced June 16, he has recommended Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, vice chief of naval operations, to succeed the retiring Adm. Gary Roughead as the next chief of naval operations.

Gates said he made the recommendation to President Barack Obama based on Greenert's solid portfolio that includes both significant personnel programs and budget responsibilities.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Greenert is "an excep-

tional officer, and if confirmed, will be, I believe, an exceptional CNO."

"He has wonderful operational experience, fleet experience, he's terrific with people and he has extensive experience in the money world, which is now facing all of us," Mullen said. "So I strongly concur with the secretary's recommendation."

Gates praised Roughead, who will retire this fall, for four decades of service and leadership at the helm of the Navy for the past four years.

"I have very much enjoyed working with Gary and have greatly valued his counsel and wisdom on both Navy issues and broader strategic issues," Gates said.

Upon being notified of the news, Roughead offered his congratulations and endorsement.

"I could not be more pleased that Adm. Jon Greenert has been nominated to be the 30th Chief of Naval Operations. I have known Jon and his family well for years and I have the utmost respect for him as a leader and a naval officer."

In a statement released after the announcement Greenert said "I am honored and humbled by the Secretary's recommendation and look forward to working with Congress during the confirmation process."

Aloha! Welcome to:



**A hui hou!
Farewell to:**

(From above left) Welcome to Christine Camara who arrives from Manu Kai and will serve as an IT specialist. Welcome to Lt. John Baise who arrives from Gulfport, Miss., and will serve as the Public Works Officer. Welcome to Tauave Galuvao who arrives from Pearl Harbor and will serve as a program analyst. Welcome to LS2 Brandon Healy who arrives from Virginia Beach, Va., and will serve in Air Operations.



Welcome to Ens. Billy Newell who arrives from Offutt AFB, Neb., and will serve as the Security Officer. Welcome to Yvette Dumbrique who arrives from Manu Kai and will serve as an electrical engineer.

Farewell to BM2 Nick Snipes who served one and a half years at PMRF and leaves for Naval Base San Diego.

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cancelled, according to Piacine. Those elements include the location being moved from, the location being moved to, the weight of the goods to be moved, the specific dates the move must be made and others.

“Overall, less than one percent of moves will be impacted. However, in an area where we

experience a ‘perfect storm’ and many of these factors impact a base or bases, the actual numbers for that area could be higher. Planning, preparation and flexibility are keys to success,” Piacine said. “Customers need to get their shipment requests into the system as soon as they receive their orders. Procrastination hurts the customer’s chances of getting a moving

company during this time frame. The customer can benefit substantially from paying attention to their counseling, asking questions and staying in contact with their moving company once they have been contacted.”

For more information, contact your local personal property office or send questions to householdgoods@navy.mil.

PMRF Sailors run cub scouts ragged



A dozen Sailors from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai created an obstacle course to support the Cub Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Chapter, Kauai during their annual Cub Scout Day Camp at CJM Stables in Poipu on June 11. The Sailors' efforts emphasized physical fitness and the importance of exercise to more than 60 cub scouts. U.S. Navy photos by MC1 Jay C. Pugh





Safety Corner

Motorcycle training may save money

By April Phillips, Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

Now that summer is here and the weather is nice, Sailors and Marines who ride motorcycles are dusting off their bikes and revving their engines. Fortunately, most riders have learned that training saves lives and have benefitted from the free courses offered by the military. However, not everyone knows that training also saves money. In an effort to help the Navy and Marine Corps reduce fatalities resulting from motorcycle crashes, many insurance companies offer discounts to riders who complete a motorcycle training course.

"Most insurance companies provide a 10 percent discount to people who have taken the Basic Rider Course," said Don Borkoski, the motorcycle manager at the Naval Safety Center.

The issue of training garnered a lot of attention in fiscal year 2008, when 33 Sailors and 25 Marines were killed on motorcycles. Most of those died on sportbikes. That's why the Naval Safety Center worked with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to create the Military Sportbike Rider Course, (MSRC) which began training students in June of 2008. The emphasis on training – and training targeted to sportbike riders in particular – paid off. In fiscal year 2009, 13 Sailors and 14 Marines died on motorcycles. This is still too many, but a big improvement nonetheless.

Some insurance companies now offer an additional five percent discount to riders who have



taken the MSRC. They offer the discount as an incentive to get Sailors and Marines to take the training that could save their lives and reduce the likelihood of an accident, Borkoski said. That makes it a win for riders, who are getting into fewer accidents, and a win for the insurance companies, who are paying out fewer claims.

However, Borkoski said these discounts may expire after two or three years.

"That's something a lot of people don't know," he said. "But if you re-take the training, you get to keep the discount, and in most cases, it just takes a phone call to the agency."

This is in line with the Navy's requirement for follow-on training every three years, a policy that acknowledges the fact that riding skills are perishable.

When it comes to insurance, discounts aren't the only thing Sailors and Marines don't know about, Borkoski said. He said he's seen plenty of cases where someone buys a new motorcycle, only to find out after the fact that he or she can't afford the insurance.

"If you're buying a new motorcycle, shop for insurance first," he said. "In some cases, the insurance payment is more than the bike payment, and if you're not ready, that can be a shock."

He said that insurance premiums are typically tied to engine size and the type of motorcycle. Typically, sportbikes cost more to insure than cruises, because of the higher number of claims and the cost of each claim.

"If you drop a sportbike, even at five or 10 miles per hour, you're looking at a minimum of three to \$4,000 in damages," Borkoski said.

He recommends that Sailors and Marines do their homework when it comes to buying and insuring motorcycles.

"Decide what kind of bike you think you want and then call the insurance company before you do anything else," he said. "Make sure to ask about what discounts they offer and then get trained."

Wish you were here - Photos from the Fleet



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(Above) BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (June 15, 2011) Barbados Coast Guard Chief Austin Rickey Howell and a team of multinational divers use a lift bag system to move a sunken ship's propeller. **(Below left)** YOKOSUKA, Japan (June 20, 2011) The guided-missile destroyer USS Stethem (DDG 63) is undergoing a selective restricted availability at Fleet Activities Yokosuka. Stethem is one of seven ships assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15. **(Below right)** 209 ARABIAN SEA (June 17, 2011) Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) fire M-16 service rifles during a small arms qualification. Ronald Reagan and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 are deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility, conducting close-air support missions as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.



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