Remembering a Pearl Harbor icon
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Fireworks fill the sky over Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as part of the 87th annual Conference of Mayors, June 29. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Charles Oki)
Your Navy Team in Hawaii

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii oversees two installations: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oahu and Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, on Kauai. As Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific we provide oversight for the ten surface ships homeported at JBPHH. Navy aircraft squadrons are also co-located at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, Oahu, and training is sometimes also conducted on other islands, but most Navy assets are located at JBPHH and PMRF. These two installations serve fleet, fighter and family under the direction of Commander, Navy Installations Command.

A guided-missile cruiser and destroyers of Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific deploy independently or as part of a group for Commander, U.S. Third Fleet and in the Seventh Fleet and Fifth Fleet areas of responsibility. The Navy, including your Navy team in Hawaii, builds partnerships and strengthens interoperability in the Pacific. Each year, Navy ships, submarines and aircraft from Hawaii participate in various training exercises with allies and friends in the Pacific and Indian Oceans to strengthen interoperability. Navy service members and civilians conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster response missions in the South Pacific and in Asia. Working with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy in Hawaii provides drug interdiction and fisheries enforcement operations for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In even-numbered years Hawaii hosts the biennial summer Rim of the Pacific Exercise, the world’s largest military maritime exercise, featuring more than two dozen nations and 25,000 personnel.

The Navy family in Hawaii comprises around 50,000 people, most of whom are active duty service members and their families, and includes nearly 15,000 civilians and contractors as part of our workforce.

JBPHH includes the Pearl Harbor waterfront, Hickam flight line, Wahiawa annex and several other areas in West Oahu and provides a major logistics and other support hub for the military and military families. Supporting the nation’s ballistic missile defense initiative, the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the western coast of “The Garden Island,” is the world’s largest instrumented multidimensional testing and training missile range.

We provide services to the U.S. Pacific Command, one of DOD’s six geographic combatant commands, with an area of responsibility covering half the globe. We directly support two component commands whose headquarters are on JBPHH: Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Force. Close to our own Region/MIDPAC headquarters command is Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. With 18 forward-deployable combat-ready U.S. Navy submarines, Pearl Harbor is home to the largest submarine presence in the Pacific. The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, on JBPHH, is the largest ship repair facility between the West Coast and the Far East. Within our region we support more than 100 tenant commands.
Sailor 360 is the Navy’s newest leadership training program designed to enrich the professional development of its enlisted force and officer corps.

Over the past six months, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff implemented the program and offered training sessions twice a week from January to June for staff members. During training sessions, Sailors participated in physical training, guest speaker presentations and various group discussions, including topics like leadership, problem solving and creativity.

“The Navy wants Sailors that are professionally competent and men and women of character,” said Chief Culinary Specialist Patrick Parigi, one of the lead coordinators for the Pacific Fleet program.

“Developing a Sailor to make good decisions with integrity is going to help make our Navy stronger.”

Sailor 360: Building better leaders at Pacific Fleet

Modeled after the CPO 365 phase I program, Sailor 360 brought new and important changes to how the Navy develops junior leaders through command training.

The new curriculum was developed from “Laying the Keel: Developing the backbone of our Navy,” which focuses on seven leadership-training fundamentals: alignment, habits, training, education, opportunity, feedback and self-awareness.

Sailor 360 gives leaders the flexibility to tailor existing source material to fit their needs. The program allows Sailors of all ranks to speak candidly to improve professional and personal cooperation.

This allows all to see things from each other’s unique perspective and be more understanding of the decision making process.

“I enjoyed the direct talks with leadership,” said Yeoman First Class Pedro Tolentin, a program participant.

“Getting the training directly from leadership was great.”

The U.S. Pacific Fleet’s program included a variety of guest speakers who spoke on the seven leadership-training fundamentals.

Rear Adm. Matthew Carter, deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke to Sailors June 13, highlighting the importance of leadership, and what he’s learned during his three-decade Navy career.

“Sailor 360 helps mold them into the leaders the Navy needs,” he said.

Even though Sailor 360 is a relatively new initiative, programs that came before Sailor 360 help set the groundwork for it.

“At first I was skeptical, and I was not onboard with the program; I was wrong,” said Tolentin.

“As a newly established program, it felt as if it had been running for years. The program was great and is making me a better leader.”

Sailor 360 helps all Sailors in their professional and personal life form a stronger Navy, but at its core, it is developing Sailors to be better people.

Hawaii Navy participates in Citadel Pacific 2019

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam security forces apprehend a simulated active shooter during a training exercise for Citadel Pacific 2019. This annual exercise, conducted by Commander, Navy Installations Command, uses realistic scenarios to ensure U.S. Navy security forces maintain a high level of readiness to respond to changing and dynamic threats. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Corwin M. Colbert)
Hundreds airdropped into Romania for exercise

Story and photo by SrA John Linzmeier
154th Wing Public Affairs


This is the second time a total-force team from the Hawaii Air National Guard’s 154th Wing and the active-duty 15th Wing participated in the exercise with multinational forces in a series of airdrops.

Swift Response is recognized as one of the premier military crisis response training events for airborne forces around the world. This iteration included approximately 5,600 participants from eight allied nations that trained in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania, with staging bases in Germany, Italy, Slovenia and the United Kingdom.

“Swift Response has been a great overall experience,” said 1st Lt. Justin Sato, 204th Airlift Squadron pilot.

“The execution of multiple missions with the Army and international military members showed me how effective we can be as a cohesive force.”

Daily operations for the Hawaii-based Airmen began and ended at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where they loaded war-fighting assets onto a C-17 Globemaster III. Each payload included a team of U.S. Army paratroopers along with their support equipment, with some loads including 17,000-pound artillery units.

The exercise featured two overnight, joint forcible entry operations entailing the insertion of hundreds of U.S., Italian and Spanish paratroopers into drops zones. Both operations were made possible through an armada of C-17 and C-130 aircraft flown by aircrews from Canada, Italy, Spain, NATO and other U.S. Air Force units.

To read the full story, visit https://go.usa.gov/xyr3Y.
Preparing for hurricane season

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency

With the National Weather Service predicting an above average storm potential for this year’s hurricane season, now is the time for preparation to avoid long lines at gas stations, grocery stores, and ATMs across Hawai‘i.

“Hurricane season brings the very real threat of high winds, rain, storm surge and potential flooding to the Hawaiian Islands. There could be significant impacts even if a hurricane doesn’t hit us directly. I urge Hawai‘i’s residents and businesses to prepare now. Make an emergency plan, talk about it with your families and employees, and gather supplies to ensure that our communities are resilient,” said Hawaii Gov. David Ige.

The Hawai‘i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to prepare an “emergency kit” of a minimum of 14 days of food, water, and other supplies.

Tips to prepare:

• Talk with family members and develop a clear understanding of what you will do if a hurricane or tropical storm threatens. Prepare an action plan that includes details such as whether your family intends to shelter in place or evacuate.

• Know if your home is in an inundation zone, flood zone, or susceptible to high winds and other hazards. Know if your home is retrofitted with hurricane resistant clips or straps.

• Stay tuned to local media and their websites and/or apps regarding weather updates.

• Sign up for local notification systems (i.e., HNL Info).

• Sign up for a community emergency response team.

• Get to know your neighbors and community so you can help each other.

• Walk your property and check for potential flood threats. Clear your gutters and other drainage systems. Remove and secure loose items. Keep your car’s gas tank filled.

• Prepare your pets by checking or purchasing a carrier and other preparedness items. A pet carrier is necessary for your pet’s safety if you plan to evacuate to a pet-friendly shelter. Don’t forget 14 days of food and water for your furry family members.

• Set aside an emergency supply of any needed medication and keep a copy of your prescriptions in case you run out of medication after a disaster.

• Secure your important documents in protective containers including copies of your insurance policies, a home inventory of valuables, and your agent’s or insurer’s contact information.

• Visitors should download the GoHawaii App and read the Hawaii Tourism Authority’s Travel Safety Brochure at http://www.travelsmarthawaii.com.

• Build an emergency kit – now.

For more information, visit ready.hawaii.gov.
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Hurricane season in Hawaii began June 1 and lasts until Nov. 30. This year, Hawaii and the Central Pacific could experience more storms than normal during the hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted five to eight named tropical cyclones in the region.

According to the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, last year’s season brought Hurricane Lane, which, had it maintained its course towards the islands, would have resulted in devastating potential damage to residents and their property. Due to the isolated location of Hawaii, the potential shutdown of ports, goods and services can have a major impact on the local economy.

Hawaii residents are encouraged to have a 14-day supply ready in case of emergency. Gathering these items now may alleviate long lines if a hurricane is approaching. Each family should also have an action plan that includes details such as whether your family intends to shelter in place or evacuate.

According to www.ready.gov, a website for the Ready Campaign, developed by the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency, there are five categories of hurricanes, each measured by the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale: tropical depression, tropical storm, hurricane or major hurricane.

For more information on hurricane preparation, please visit the following links.

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https://www.dvidshub.net/video/673265/ten-tips-safe-hurricane-season


https://www.dvidshub.net/video/680392/tropical-cyclone-conditions-readiness-tccor

The Scorpions said it best when they sang, “Here I am. Rock you like a hurricane.” I’m not sure what lead singer Klaus Meine meant when he wrote those lyrics, but maybe he was trying to inspire people to prepare their hurricane kits.

While we may never know what Meine was actually singing about, we do know that there is a chance that hurricanes can strike the Hawaiian Islands all year long. The highest chance of cyclone activity occurs between the months of June through November. Are you ready if one hits tomorrow?

U.S. Navy Sailor Lt. Cassie Chang, who was born and raised in Hawaii, is familiar with the reality of a hurricane hitting the islands. She is always prepared with a small emergency pack.

“After seeing the destruction of recent hurricanes and the delayed recovery, I started to question whether that pack was enough,” Chang said.

On Aug. 22, 2018, Hurricane Lane became only the second category 5 hurricane to pass within 350 miles of the Hawaiian Islands.

Residents scrambled to prepare for what looked like an imminent natural disaster. Chang was worried about the potential damage that could have occurred with Lane. She grew her small emergency pack into a much larger emergency pack.

“Hawaii is really far from anywhere else. If a hurricane hit Hawaii, it would take time to restore power, to clear roads, and to get things back to normal. I stocked up on a lot of canned food, dry food, water, and other provisions,” Chang said.

Oahu was mostly spared from Lane’s destruction, but Hawaii Island, Maui and Kauai suffered from record flooding, mudslides and lots of damage.

Georgia Thompson, Work and Family Life Program Coordinator for the JBPHH Military and Family Support Center and her team specialize in emergency preparedness. After seeing some community members not as prepared as they should have been last year, she provided a few tips that she recommends to be ready for this year.

“Families should identify their nearest shelter location, especially if they live on base, and do occasional practice runs. They should also agree on a meet-up location in case they become separated,” Thompson said. “Remember to bring along your prescribed medications if you do have to leave your home,” she added.

Most people know about the 10 days of food and water rule, but Thompson also said there are some overlooked items people forget.

“Many people no longer memorize phone numbers,” said Thompson. “Family members should have emergency contact phone numbers memorized and written down in case their phones lose power. The same applies to GPS; do not forget to add old-fashioned local maps to your emergency kits and bug out bags.”

Get your cases of Spam today, because weather experts are predicting Hawaii to have an above normal hurricane season for 2019. If your preparedness kits are ready now, you won’t be rocked by a hurricane later.

For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency at https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/
The Navy christened its newest Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118), during a ceremony Saturday, June 22, in Bath, Maine.

The future USS Daniel Inouye is named in honor of Daniel Inouye, who served as a United States Senator for Hawaii from 1963 until his death in 2012. He received the Medal of Honor June 21, 2000 for his extraordinary heroism in action while serving with the 442nd Infantry Regiment Combat Team in Italy during World War II.

During an assault April 21, 1945, an exploding grenade shattered his right arm; despite the intense pain, he refused evacuation. He remained at the head of his platoon until they broke the enemy resistance and his men deployed in defensive positions, continuing to fight until the regiment’s position was secured.

U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono of Hawaii delivered the christening ceremony’s principal address. Irene Hirano Inouye, wife of the late Senator, served as the ship’s sponsor. In a time-honored Navy tradition, Mrs. Inouye christened the ship by breaking a bottle of sparkling wine across the bow.

“The future USS Daniel Inouye will serve for decades as a reminder of Senator Inouye’s service to our nation and his unwavering support of a strong Navy and Marine Corps team,” said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. “This ship honors not only his service but the service of our shipbuilders who help make ours the greatest Navy and Marine Corps team in the world.”

The future USS Daniel Inouye is the 68th Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, and is one of 21 ships currently under contract for the DDG 51 program. The ship is configured as a Flight IIA destroyer, which enables power projection and delivers quick reaction time, high firepower, and increased electronic countermeasures capability for anti-air warfare. The Daniel Inouye is 509.5 feet long and 59 feet wide, with a displacement of 9,496 tons. It will be homeported in Pearl Harbor.

Irene Hirano Inouye cracks a champagne bottle, christening the ship in the name of her late husband. Photo by General Dynamics
Family, friends bid farewell to Pearl Harbor icon

“Fair Winds and Following Seas Master Chief James ‘Jim’ Taylor” (Pearl Harbor survivor liaison)

By MC2 Jessica Blackwell
Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Ready. Aim. Fire. Shots from the M4 rifles of Navy Region Hawaii Honors and Ceremonies’ 21 gun-salute ring out, echoing through the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl Cemetery). On an overcast day in Honolulu, military honors are rendered as family, friends and guests pay their last respects to one of the iconic figures of the Pearl Harbor region, retired Master Chief Yeoman James “Jim” Taylor, June 27.

Jim Taylor was a beloved husband, son, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and mentor. For more than 60 years, Taylor gave of himself in support of his fellow Sailors, fallen service members and in honoring the wishes of Pearl Harbor survivors, once they passed, to rejoin their shipmates on the sunken ships of Pearl Harbor or at Punchbowl Cemetery.

A large portion of his legacy was his family and the work he accomplished as Command Navy Region Hawaii’s (CNRH) volunteer Pearl Harbor survivor liaison.

Taylor’s journey in the Navy began at the age of 17. This was a rather unique age as he required a parent’s signature to join since he was not yet 18. During the chapel service held onboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Taylor’s brother, Richard, joked that their mother may have been happy to sign, because of some prior decisions Taylor made while growing up.

“I have a feeling, since Jim’s early period was peppered with some incidents as a young man, nothing that the rest of us haven’t experienced I suppose,” said Richard. “But I have a feeling my mother was happy to sign.”

Chuckles filled the chapel at Richard’s shared thought. Reviewing the span of life accomplishments of Jim Taylor, joining the Navy would prove to be one of the cornerstones of his life. Without the Navy he may have never had the opportunity to work at the Navy brig here onboard JBPHH. It was through his position as the assistant officer in charge of the brig that he was able to manage a program helping troubled Sailors adjust to life in the Navy before they got into serious trouble.

Taylor ensured Sailors were exposed to the Navy’s rich history, heritage, and had respect and pride for those who have gone before. Due to the brig’s close proximity to the USS Utah Memorial, Taylor assigned his junior Sailors to conduct morning and evening colors every day and maintain the memorial and surrounding areas. His leadership with these Sailors was yet another meaningful part of his life. As Richard heard the stories and saw the impact of his elder brother, he was enlightened.

“I really had no idea until I came to this occasion, just how incredibly accomplished he was,” said Richard. “I never really appreciated it as much as I do today.”
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On May 20, retired Master Chief Yeoman James “Jim” Taylor passed away. The many stories and works accredited to Taylor will live on. As his loving family, friends, and the Navy grieves, and his loss is felt around the country, his brother Richard reminds us why the loss feels so significant, “The greater the good, the deeper the pain.” The amount of good and the works carried out by Taylor will continue.

“We all hope to carry the torch moving forward in the spirit of Master Chief Taylor and ensure all of our veterans are taken care of in life and in death,” Neuman said.

Agnes Tauyan, director of public affairs for CNRH, reflected on her 30-year relationship with Taylor. While working at the brig he also served as the region’s Collateral Duty Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO). In this position, Taylor would be responsible for providing information, resources, and assistance to the next of kin in the event of a casualty. Tauyan acknowledged this is where Taylor became involved in scattering the ashes of Pearl Harbor survivors.

Taylor’s exposure to the CACO position helped usher him into the legendary work he is known for today and gave way to the position of Pearl Harbor survivor liaison which he held until his passing. It has been noted that Taylor has honored the last wishes of more than 300 Pearl Harbor survivors by scattering their ashes over the waters of Pearl Harbor or laying them to rest at Punchbowl or other cemeteries around the island of Oahu.

From the sentiments shared throughout the service, it was apparent Taylor loved his family, loved his Navy, and loved veterans. Jim Taylor’s instrumental role and personal investment in the lives of Pearl Harbor and USS Utah survivors as well as his efforts in the upkeep of the USS Utah Memorial, earned him the title of an honorary Pearl Harbor survivor by the Pearl Harbor Survivor’s Association.

In later years, Jim Taylor continued what he did best and made contributions in the lives of others, passing on the many years of knowledge. Jim Neuman, history and heritage outreach manager at CNRH and successor for Taylor said, “I will never be able to ‘replace’ Master Chief Taylor. His legacy is forever stamped in the lives of each of those veterans and their families.”

Tauyan developed a mantra “Where you go, I go Master Chief,” letting Taylor know he always had support and people by his side as he continued his work. One day before Taylor’s passing, he reminded Tauyan he still had work he wanted to do, but did not believe he would be able to finish. Tauyan responded, “Where you go, I go Master Chief!” To this Taylor replied, “Well then, I will see you in heaven.”

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At Punchbowl Cemetery, just before Jim Taylor is laid to rest, there is a parting of the clouds. The greyness of the day is washed away and the golden sunlight fills the landscape.

As Sailors say, “Fair winds and following seas. Shipmate the watch stands relieved. Relieved by those you have trained, guided and lead. Shipmate you stand relieved. We have the watch.”
Story by Lt. j.g. Matthew Doherty
Region Legal Service Office Hawaii

Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Hawaii held a change of command ceremony June 19 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Rear Adm. Darse E. Crandall, deputy judge advocate general of the Navy and commander, Naval Legal Service Command, presided over the ceremony in which Capt. Bradley A. Appleman relieved Capt. Lia M. Reynolds as commanding officer of RLSO Hawaii.

“Based on her amazing record, we all expected that Capt. Reynolds would absolutely succeed as commanding officer of RLSO Hawaii, and – let me tell you – succeed she did!” Crandall said.

Reynolds, a native of Honolulu, thanked her Sailors for a rewarding tour and acknowledged the support her mother has provided throughout the years.

“It has been an honor and special privilege to be in command in my hometown. The Sailors, civilians, and officers of RLSO Hawaii have awed me every day with their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to service. I will miss my RLSO Hawaii ohana, but am looking forward to the next adventure,” Reynolds said.

Reynolds will assume duties as the JAG (Judge Advocate General) community’s senior detailer in Millington, Tennessee.

Appleman recently completed his tour at OPNAV N3/N5 as the legal and oceans policy advisor to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans and Strategy.

“Your incredible record of demonstrated success in tough assignments has brought you to this pinnacle moment of your Navy career … and you have truly earned the great trust the Navy has put in you to lead the men and women of this command,” Crandall said in remarks directed to Appleman.

Appleman graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations and political science in 1992, and the University of Wisconsin Law School, with a Juris Doctor degree in 1996. He received his Master of Laws (with distinction) and national security law certificate from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2010, and a Master of Arts (with distinction) in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College in 2016. He is admitted to the Wisconsin Bar. He was commissioned through the student program in 1996.

RLSO Hawaii provides comprehensive, professional legal services and solutions. It serves all Navy commands within the Hawaii area of responsibility and provide legal assistance to all active-duty service members and their families, retirees, and eligible Reservists.
New commander takes over operations group

Col. Halsey Burks, 15th Wing commander, hands the squadron flag to Lt. Col. Scott Berndt, 15th OG commander, during the 15th OG assumption of command ceremony at JBPHH, June 18.

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Story and photo by TSgt Heather Redman
15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing Operations Group (OG) welcomed their new commander during an assumption of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, June 18.

Col. Scott Berndt's assumption of command was presided over by Col. Halsey Burks, 15th Wing commander.

"To the 15th Operations Group, you are getting a high energy and charismatic leader," said Burks. "He understands the importance of interoperability with our allies and joint partners. His experience aligns perfectly with our 15th Wing mission to enable, employ and project combat power across the Indo-Pacific."

Berndt is a command pilot with more than 3,730 flight hours in the AC-130U, C-21 and C-17. His operational leadership experience includes serving as the commander for the 405th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Thumrait Air Base, Oman, detachment commander of the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, and operations officer of the 8th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Over the past three years, the 15th OG has flown 24,000 flight hours, moved 38 million pounds of cargo and 19,000 personnel, earning them the Pacific Air Forces Gen. Joseph Smith trophy for top airlift squadron. The 15th OG also flew the first C-17 mission into North Korea to return 55 boxes of remains from the Korean War back to the U.S.

"Commander of the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), Gen. C.Q. Brown has charged us to be ready, resilient, and postured for the future," said Burks. "Arguably you are getting the most varied mission set an OG can have--global strategic airlift, air dominance, VIP support, and operating PACAF's strategic fulcrum airfield pushing operations North, South, East and West as necessary."

As the 15th OG commander, Berndt will direct all activities to ensure the combat readiness of more than 300 personnel assigned to four operational squadrons. He is responsible for operations at the largest joint-use airfield in the U.S., executing Total Force combat/peacetime C-17 and F-22 global operations and providing C-37 executive airlift for senior military leaders.

Lt. Col. Scott Berndt, 15th OG commander, thanks the audience for attending the 15th OG assumption of command ceremony at JBPHH, June 18.
More than 20 Sailors, civilians and family members gathered during a dedication and blessing ceremony for a new crypt at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands on Kauai, June 21.

The crypt holds the remains of iwi, or bones, of local Hawaiian families found at Nohili and other locations on base.

“We are not doing this because an organization says we have to,” said Capt. Vinnie Johnson, commanding officer of PMRF. “We are doing it because it’s the right thing to do, and we live here.”

Nohili and other sandy areas on base were burial grounds for Hawaiian families for generations. Exposure of the iwi can happen when erosion moves the sand. The preferred approach for discovery is to reinter in-place, as long as it is likely the iwi will not be uncovered again. Unfortunately, due to various weather changes, exposure can happen more frequently.

Through consultation with Na Ohana Papa O Mana, an organization representing the families that inhabited this area for centuries, a permanent resting place for these iwi was designed and completed.

Naval Facilities Command (NAVFAC) Pacific archeologist Carly Antone said, “The burial vault took over two years from planning to completion. We wanted to do it right, and we were consulting with the families and other organizations throughout the process.”

With the help of local cultural practitioners and family members related to the recovered iwi, the remains were placed in the crypt. During the ceremony, the family expressed their gratitude for the honor and respect given to their deceased. Ada Kilauano simply said, “Thank you.”

Personnel from PMRF, Kauai Burial Council, members of the Kilauano Family, NAVFAC Pacific and NAVFAC Hawaii attended the event.

By Lydia Robertson
Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

As of July 1, all individuals including current Department of the Navy (DON) employees applying for DON jobs, must submit all required documentation that supports their eligibility, promotion eligibility and qualifications at the time of application.

Previously, individuals who were already working for the Navy only had to submit a resume, which would be reviewed to determine eligibility for a job position. Only external candidates were required to submit transcripts, licenses and other documents required to verify eligibility and qualifications.

Jodi Johnson, supervisory human resources specialist (Staffing and Classification) at Navy Region Hawaii’s Human Resources Office since April, said applicants and hiring commands will benefit from this change.

“Besides having the Navy aligned with other DoD [Department of Defense] and federal agencies in hiring processes, all applicants now know that all verification paperwork must be submitted,” Johnson said. “Because all eligibility documents are required up front to verify applicants’ eligibility, hiring managers will get a true certificate that has already been verified by a human resources specialist and certified that those candidates meet eligibility and qualifications.”

The new process evolved after hiring managers across the Navy expressed concern that they were discovering late in the hiring process that finalists for jobs actually weren’t eligible; time in grade issues were a common theme.

“Before this program went into effect, the Navy did a pilot program to ensure it would work,” Johnson added.

The results of the pilot found that hiring managers in the pilot had greater confidence that candidates were eligible, and the overall percentage of applicants rated ineligible because they did not provide the required documents was not significantly impacted.

Required documents vary depending on the position and the appointment eligibility the applicant is claiming. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire job opportunity announcement, paying close attention to the “required documents” section on each DON vacancy announcement and in the announcement questionnaire.

“If applicants read the job announcement thoroughly, they will know what they need to submit. Always read the announcement in its entirety,” Johnson cautioned. “The system is good at prompting required documents, but the applicant is responsible for following the instructions in the announcement.”

Johnson suggests that whether looking for a new job or not, employees should always keep their paperwork up to date.

“You may think you’ve found your forever job, which is great, but you never know if situations may change and you may need to apply for a job,” Johnson said. “I recommend that everyone goes into their USAJobs profile and upload required documents, such as SF-50s, transcripts, licenses and registrations, DD-214s, and if applicable other veteran documentation. It’s better to get those uploaded now than to miss a deadline because you couldn’t access the required documents. You will want to update your SF-50s if you have a more recent one at the time of application, and you should watch for licenses or registrations that have an expiration date to ensure that you upload a current required document.”

Information already loaded into USAJobs, such as a DD-214 and transcripts, can be reused. And employees should regularly update resumes, and other related documents.

If an applicant has questions about a specific job announcement, the best place to go for answers is the DON Employee Information Center, and that contact information is in every DON job opportunity announcement.

And Johnson had one last tip.

“When you load documents, always doublecheck that the document is what you labeled it,” Johnson suggested. “I’ve seen documents labeled ‘resume’ that were not a resume. It only takes you a minute or two to confirm that your documents are loaded and labeled correctly. It could make the difference in whether or not you get the job you want.”

More information is available at https://www.secnav.navy.mil/donhr/Site/Pages/Contact-Us.aspx.
By Denise Emsley  
NAVFAC HI Public Affairs  

As of June 25, Navy water consumers in Hawaii can view their 2019 Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report, online.

Military personnel, their families and civilian employees with the Navy, Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD), as well as non-DoD users living and working on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, various housing areas in the vicinity of the base, and at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, receive their drinking water from Navy sources.

The 2019 reports have been developed for each of four water systems owned and operated by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Camp Stover, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Pacific (NCTAMS PAC), and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Kauai.

“Knowing where your water originates, how it is provided and tested for quality is extremely important,” said environmental business line director, Aaron Poentis. “It is our responsibility to continuously deliver safe, clean drinking water that meets all federal and state drinking water standards to our customers. The 2019 Water Quality Reports are easy to read and include our testing results from the previous year for each of the water systems.”

The reports can be found online at the following websites:

Navy Region Hawaii https://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/environmental/water_quality_information.html


Navy water consumers who have questions, or would like to request a hard copy of a 2019 Navy Water Quality Report can do so by contacting the NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs office at 808-471-7300.

New drinking water fountains are installed around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Photo by NAVFAC Hawaii)

Rendering honors

Maj. Gen. Suzanne P. Vares-Lum, left, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command, and Rear Adm. Robert Chadwick II, right, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, render honors to the USS Arizona Memorial during a boat tour at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Charles Oki)
Summer Safety Campaign

Water Safety

Summer is upon us, and this is the largest vacation period of the year. The sun is shining and people are out swimming, boating, visiting family and friends far away, playing and having a good time.

It's also a time of celebration, recreation, staying awake long hours and driving more miles than your body has the energy for. With all the fun summer activities, the following water safety tips are offered to make your summer a safe and happy one.

Snorkeling

• Never snorkel alone.
• Know how to clear your mask and snorkel of water.
• Ensure your face mask and flippers are properly fitted.
• Stay fit. Snorkeling requires the ability to swim and float.
• Stay close to the shoreline. Identify entry and exit points to the water, in case you become too tired to swim back.
• Always check the weather forecast and sea conditions before entering the surf.
• Remember to apply (and reapply) sun screen.

Boating

• Each boat operator must abide by federal and state laws governing vessel operation and safety equipment onboard.
• Ensure that certain safety equipment is available such as life preservers, visual and auditory distress signalers, fire extinguishers, proper ventilation, and navigation lights.
• Always follow the rules of the road.
• Ensure the boat or vessel is tidy and up-to-date on operational maintenance.
• Always stay alert and keep your eye on the water while on or operating a boat.
• Always wear a life preserver while onboard.

Paddle sports

• Whether it’s kayaking, rafting, canoeing, or paddle-boarding, each paddle sport carries its own risk.
• Paddle in groups or with a buddy.
• Train, prepare and use caution on the water.
• Natural bodies of water are unpredictable and vary in level of risk depending on the weather.
• Recognize natural obstacles and learn how to navigate them.
• Always wear a life preserver.
• Use a paddle or an oar that is sized specifically for you.
• Dress in breathable layers and wear shoes.

Swimming

• Recognize your limitations.
• Swim in safe areas.
• Learn how to handle common water hazards.
• When required, wear a life jacket.
• Learn how to swim, float, or tread water.
• Take a course to learn CPR.
• Do not participate in water activities while using alcohol or drugs.

Surfing

• Surfing is inherently dangerous. The very nature of surfing involves its fair share of wipe-outs! Plan for a good time… but prepare for anything to happen.
• Take lessons before attempting on your own.
• Never surf alone.
• Avoid surfing in adverse weather conditions.
• Ensure your leg rope is attached to your ankle and board.
• Check to make sure your fins are properly secured.
• Observe water conditions before entering to ensure it is safe.
• Maintain a high level of situational awareness, because waves are relentless.
• Pick a point along the beach to line up with and stay in that general area.
• Always hold on to your board to prevent it from becoming a projectile object hurting you or someone else.

For more water safety tips, visit https://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/index.aspx
Navy offers 10 tips to ease household goods moves

NAVSUP Public Affairs

About half of all Navy household goods (HHG) moves occur between May 15 and Aug. 15, with late June/early July being the busiest. To make this year’s moving season easier, the Navy is offering 10 tips members can use to ensure a smooth move. “Anyone in the Navy planning a move this summer can greatly reduce the chances for encountering frustration before or during an upcoming move by planning ahead,” said Naval Supply Systems Command Navy HHG Manager John Hilaman. “Sailors and their families can use these 10 tips as a simple checklist to making sure all goes well.”

1. Bookmark key websites
   The Navy HHG customer website contains information on basic entitlements, Defense Personal Property System (DPS) how-to guides, movement of boats, weight allowances, overseas country instructions, and more.
   b. www.move.mil
   This is where you will start your move application. New users can create a user I.D. and password. Make sure your contact information in DPS includes current email address, phone number, mailing address, and delivery address. You may want to consider using your personal email and phone number so you can always be reached. Find a user guide for this site at: https://www.navsup.navy.mil/public/navsup/hhg/dps_guides/
   c. www.facebook.com/navyhhg (You can also use FB Messenger)
   d. www.youtube.com/navyhhg
   e. www.pinterest.com/navyhhg

2. Start early and be flexible
   The high volume of moves during peak season drives a 4-6-week lead time for scheduling moves. Schedule your move as soon as you get orders. Delay can cause difficulties in getting your shipment booked. Finally, be prepared to accept alternate dates and discuss options with your local counseling office.

3. Use online training to help you prepare
   If you have never moved or it’s been a while, you may want to attend one of the Navy HHG webinars. During a live webinar, you will have the opportunity to ask questions specific to your move. Webinar schedule and links to webinars can be found on www.navsup.navy.mil/household. Another option is to watch a pre-recorded webinar online at your convenience, https://www.navsup.navy.mil/public/navsup/hhg/quick_links/hhg_webinar_videos/

4. Gather supporting documents
   All supporting documents are uploaded to DPS. Failure to upload required documents can delay your move. Be sure to include:
   a. Orders
   b. Signed DD Forms 1299 and 1797 (both required for all move requests except PPMs)
   c. Power of Attorney, if required.
   d. Dependent entry approval – required for certain overseas locations

5. Remember that your entitlement comes first
   Before the government either moves your items or you move yourself, there must first be an entitlement. A funded, valid order establishes entitlements. If there are no orders, there is no entitlement.

6. Ensure maximum reimbursement for your Personally Procured Move (PPM)
   To ensure maximum reimbursement for your PPM, you should create an application in DPS and receive signed documentation (DD 2278) from your local Personal Property Office. Without the DD-2278, your reimbursement could be limited.

7. Know about pick-up and delivery
   After an application has been awarded, you will receive an email with the name and contact information for the Transportation Service Provider (TSP). The TSP will conduct a pre-move survey no later than three business days before your requested move date. The survey allows the TSP to establish a more realistic weight estimate, determine crew size needed for the job, plan on materials needed for packing, and plan on special equipment, if needed. While on site for packing, the TSP may re-pack items packed in a plastic tote or original boxes. This is to allow the TSP to properly inventory items and ensure they are not damaged. Delivery is arranged between the member and/or member agent and the assigned TSP. Understand that a service member or their designated agent must be at residence at all time during delivery.

8. Plan for your Professional Books, Paper and Equipment (PBP&E or pro gear)
   Every Sailor is authorized pro gear each time they move. Active duty members are limited to 2,000 pounds and spouses have a 500-pound limit. Key points: MUST separate pro gear from other household items; MUST identify on inventory sheet by M-PRO for military member and S-PRO for spouse; spouse pro gear MUST be pre-approved PRIOR to pack-out date and pro gear is weighed separately. The weight of pro gear does not count against overall weight shipped. If pro gear is not claimed during counseling, it cannot be claimed after the fact to reduce the weight of the shipment when a Sailor exceeds his or her maximum entitlement. List of what is and is not pro gear can be found at: https://www.navsup.navy.mil/public/navsup/hhg/pov/professional_gear/

9. Understand ahead of time the process for submitting a claim for loss or damages
   It’s important to know the process for submitting a claim in the unlikely event it is necessary. Submitting a claim is a two-part process, which includes (1) notification of loss/damage report; and (2) the claim itself. The claim is settled directly with the assigned TSP. If the member is unable to settle with the TSP, the member can transfer all or part of the claim to the Military Claims Office.

10. Tell us about your experience
    The customer satisfaction survey is a vital part of the move process and ensures that only quality carriers are contracted to ship service members’ household goods. Your input is an essential part of helping your shipmates.

For more information, contact householdgoods@navy.mil and the Navy HHG customer contact center at 855-HHG-MOVE (855-444-6683).
Pacifi c Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Barking Sands, Kaua‘i, announces its 2019 Most West Freedom Fest to be held on the grounds of Shenanigans restaurant July 3 from 5 to 11 p.m.

Popular Hawaii-based band “The Green” will headline the entertainment along with Kaua‘i bands “The Homestead” and “KA HĀ.” This year’s event will also include an even bigger fireworks display than last year. Food booths and games will be available throughout most of the event.

PMRF’s commanding offi cer, Capt. Vinnie Johnson, will be on hand to welcome everyone and speak to the importance of Independence Day. Admission is free for this quality, family-oriented event.

Gates open at 4 p.m. Friends and supporters of PMRF can watch for signs on the highway leading to the event entrance.

Free parking will be available on base, although visitors are reminded that all vehicles will be subject to search. No outside food or beverages, coolers, tents, pets, weapons or personal fireworks are allowed. This is a drug-free event.

For more information on this event, please call 808-335-4380.

USO Hawaii connects military spouses with new program

By Cheryl Rogers, USO Hawaii

The life of a military spouse is full of fresh starts and new beginnings. A “fresh start” can sound promising, but also comes with challenges. Service members can change duty locations every 1-3 years, which means that their families are often picking up and starting over just as they have begun to feel settled. Military life can often leave spouses feeling isolated and overwhelmed while losing a sense of self.

USO Hawaii now offers a new program specifi cally for active duty spouses to facilitate connections within their local community. Whether it be social or professional, USO Coffee Connections are designed to bring spouses together, empower them, and expand their network. Coffee Connections are casual, monthly gatherings that allow spouses to meet new people and share information and advice over a cup of coffee and pastries. There may even be an optional craft or activity to break the ice.

One of the fi rst few Coffee Connections at USO Schofield Barracks sparked conversations about careers, local support for parents, personal development, and exploring the islands. Spouses were able to take some time to relax, paint, and make new friends. The best thing about being a part of these conversations was being able to appreciate that everyone had something to contribute. Each spouse had a fresh perspective, a different experience, or valuable advice based on their diverse backgrounds. The next USO Coffee Connections will be held July 20 at USO Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), located at the AMC terminal, 335 Mamiya Ave.

Pearl Harbor NEX celebrates Car Care Center grand opening

By Stephanie Lau Abdul, Pearl Harbor NEX Marketing

The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) celebrated the opening of the new Car Care Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), June 1.

The opening remarks were presented by Capt. Jeff Bernard, commander, JBPHH; and Shawn Washington, manager, NEX Car Care Center.

A Hawaiian blessing by Kahu Keahi Ranaud was offered followed by a Chinese lion dance performance by Kong Siu Lum Pai Kung Fu Association, which signifi es a traditional blessing to bring prosperity.

During the opening, customers took their fi rst tour of the retail store section of the center, prizes were given away, cake was provided by the Pearl Harbor Commissary, and patrons enjoyed some barbecue.
Summer Reading Program
Now – There's still time to join this program happening now until July 12 at the JBPHH Library. Discover the joy of reading and take part in fun activities. It is free and open to all ages. For more information, call 808-449-8299.

Great Navy Campout
July 3 to 4 – Spend a night under the stars at Hickam Harbor with a movie on the beach at 4 p.m. Bring your tent and camping gear. Cost is $35 per space and advance registration is required at the Hickam Harbor Marina office. For more information, call 808-449-5215.

Paint & Sip
July 3 - Paint your masterpiece while sipping on a beverage from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Tradewinds. Cost is $40 and includes all art supplies. Advance sign-up is recommended. For more information, call 808-448-9907.

PMRF Most West Freedom Fest
July 3 - Pacific Missile Range Facility will host its 2019 Most West Freedom Fest on the grounds of Shenanigans restaurant at Barking Sands, Kauai from 5 to 11 p.m. Popular Hawai`i-based band The Green will headline the entertainment along with Kaua`i bands The Homestead and KA HĀ. This year’s event will include a fireworks display, food booths and games. Admission is free. Free parking available on base, no outside food, beverages, coolers, pets, weapons or personal fireworks allowed. For more information, call 808-335-4380.

4th of July Celebration at JBPHH
July 4 – Enjoy the celebration with a live concert by “Vertical Horizon,” an alternative rock band; rides, games, petting zoo, fireworks display, motorcycle giveaway and more from 3 to 9:30 p.m. at Ward Field. The fireworks display will begin at 9 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com. (See back cover to view the flyer)

Pet Adoptions at NEX Mall
July 6 - Pet adoptions available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NEX Mall rotunda. Open to authorized patrons. For more information, call 808-423-3287.

Missoula Children’s Theater Auditions
July 8 – Audition for the production of “The Princess and the Pea” from 10 a.m. to noon at Hickam Memorial Theatre. The final performance will happen on July 13. Children of all ages are welcome to audition. For more information, call 808-473-0726.

Summer Swim Lessons
July 8 – Register online for summer swim lessons at the Hickam Family Pool. Lessons consist of eight 30-minute sessions. For more information, call 808-448-2384.

Strategizing with Stress
July 9 – Learn how to reduce and manage your stress with techniques and lessons from 9 a.m. – noon at MFSC Pearl Harbor. To register, visit https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support or call 808-444-9907.

Summer Craft Camps
July 9 to 30 - Register your child for this camp at the Arts & Crafts Center. This class is a four-class session from Tuesday to Friday. Cost is $70 for ages 7 and older, includes all supplies. For more information, call 808-448-9907.

Developing Self-Esteem in Children
July 10 – Learn the “language of encouragement” and the importance of building self-esteem in children from 1 to 3 p.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. To register, visit https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support or call 808-474-1999.

King of the Hill Bowling
July 11 – Bowl the highest score for the month of July every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Naval Station Bowling Center, and win 10 free games and be declared King of the Hill. Bowl two games free. Open to active-duty service members only. For more information, call 808-473-2574.

Concert in the Park
July 12 – Enjoy the music of Sean Cleland, a Na Hoku Hanohano award finalist, on the lawn fronting Hickam Harbor from 5 p.m. Event is free and BYOB (bring your own, blankets, bottles and salads). For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Liberty Movie Night
July 12 – Enjoy a free movie and refreshment at Sharkey Theater. Open to single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. Sign up at the Beeman Center or call 808-473-0726 for more information.

Spouses Transition Seminar
July 12 – This workshop will help you prepare for the transitioning spouse who is either separating or retiring from the military from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. To register, visit https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support or call 808-474-1999.

Christmas in July 10K Fun Run
July 13 – Join the fun run starting at 6:30 a.m. at Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. Event is free. Sign up on the morning of the run. For more information, call 808-448-2214.

Family Movie Night
July 16 - Come hang out at the Teen Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with your teen, and enjoy some popcorn and a movie. For more information, call 808-448-1068.

Let’s Do Lunch Walking Tour
Sign up at the Fleet Store ITT to get a sneak preview on what it’s like to cruise the Hawaiian Islands with their “Let’s Do Lunch” event. Visit the different staterooms, amenities and features of the ship. Cost is $35 per person and includes lunch aboard the ship and transportation from the base. Reservations required, space is limited. Next tours are on Oct. 26 and Dec. 7. For more information, call 808-422-0139.

Movie Showtimes
Thursday, July 4
2:30 p.m. Aladdin (PG)
4:30 p.m. Godzilla: King of the Monsters (3D) (PG-13)
7 p.m. Dark Phoenix (PG-13)

Friday, July 5
7 p.m. Aladdin (PG)

Saturday, July 6
2:30 p.m. The Secret Life of Pets 2 (PG)

Sunday, July 7
1:30 p.m. The Secret Life of Pets 2 (3D) (PG)

Hickam Memorial Theater
Thursday, July 4
Closed
Friday, July 5
6:30 p.m. Spider-Man: Far from Home (PG-13)

Saturday, July 6
3 p.m. Spider-Man: Far from Home (PG-13)
6 p.m. Spider-Man: Far from Home (PG-13)

Sunday, July 7
2 p.m. Spider-Man: Far from Home (PG-13)
5 p.m. Spider-Man:Far from Home (PG-13)
FREE ACTIVITIES (3pm – 7pm)

- Petting Zoo
  sponsored by ASYMCA
- Xpress Train
- Balloon Twisting, Airbrush Tattoos
- Lawn Games
  (Knockerball, Volleyball, Corn Hole, Frisbees, Footballs and more)
- Car Show & Shine
- Sponsors, Giveaways & much more

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (until 9pm)

- Xtreme Fun Inflatables and Rides
- Delicious Food and Snacks from Around the Island
- Beer and Other Ice-Cold Beverages

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

4-6pm   PACIFIC FLEET ROCK BAND
6pm     LIVIN’ LOCAL CHALLENGE
7pm     JN GROUP
        MOTORCYCLE GIVEAWAY
7:30pm  VERTICAL HORIZON
        Hits include: “Everything You Want” and “You’re a God”
9pm     NATIONAL ANTHEM & FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR!

ENTER TO WIN A MOTORCYCLE!
AT THE AMAZING GIVEAWAY FROM

JN GROUP

See entry details at greatlifehawaii.com. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. Restrictions apply.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Open to DoD ID Cardholders & their sponsored guests. All personnel & items are subject to search. For safety reasons - outside food & beverages (with the exception of water), backpacks and purses (other than small clutches), BBQs, tents, pets or animals (excluding service dogs), glass and coolers are NOT AUTHORIZED. For specific info, go to the website below. Gate will have 100% ID checks. Allow time for security checks at event entrances. Schedule of events are subject to change without notice. No official endorsement intended.