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CFAY signs proclamation against sexual assault

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"The U.S. Navy is committed to eliminating sexual assault in the Navy, insuring compassionate support for the victim and investigating all cases thoroughly and holding assailants accountable," said Theodore Joyner, CFAY sexual assault response coordinator (SARC).

April is the eighth annual Department of Defense SAAM. With the theme "Hurts One…Affects All. Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty," this event is designed to promote the prevention of sexual violence.

"What this (proclamation) really aims to do is to re-emphasize our commitment to cut back and eliminate sexual assaults throughout the year," said Owen. "(Sexual assaults) does not just impact women; we have had men sexually assaulted. People don't realize who the victims are and there is a misconception on who the predators are."

Sexual assault is a crime that erodes fleet operational readiness and requires leadership from all levels of the chain of command.

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CFAY welcomes new yard tug *Puyallup* to the fleet

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Port Operations (Port Ops.) personnel used the new USS Puyallup, Yard Tug 806 (YT 806) for the first time to push USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) to tie-up at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), Marrch 23. Puyallup joins the fleet at CFAY, the only U.S. Navy independently operated harbor in the world.

J. M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp. built the tugboat in Tacoma Wa., where it was christened "Puyallup." The U.S. Navy has a tradition of naming tug boats after Native American tribes, and the Puyallup are a tribe local to Tacoma. After initial testing Puyallup traveled on the cargo deck of a larger ship across the ocean and off-loaded in Yokohama. Port Ops. personnel used USS Seminole (YT 805), a tugboat of the same model that CFAY received last year, to tie on to Puyallup and pull it across Tokyo Bay back to CFAY.

"The new tugboats are light-years ahead of their predecessors. They have an extremely powerful propulsion system, more than twice the amount of horse power." said Joe Martinac, president of J. M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp. "They have z-drive technology that gives them great maneuverability and allows them to push or pull in virtually any direction."

The z-drive is a propeller and drive system that can pivot and rotate 360 degrees.

Standard tugboats use a propeller and rudder that allows them only to move forwards, backwards and turn.

The new ships with z-drives have no rudder and can perform many functions that were impossible before like moving sideways or turning in place.

"Both in terms of capabilities and efficiency, they are state of the art," said Martinac. "The can do more with a smaller crew and they do that while using less fuel and requiring less maintenance. These new tugs revolutionize how you can accomplish ship assist operations."

The crew onboard mentioned that the pilot house of the new tugs has a distinctive design that greatly increases what the pilot can see. The unique shape makes them standout amongst the older tug boats but it was the engineering plant that really made the new tugboats special.

"It's night and day," said Chief Machinist Mate Dewayne Johnson, Port Ops. senior chief engineer. "It has been a transition from old technology to new. The older tugboat have served us well. Now, we are training on these new tugs. It's a huge change to start working on these incredibly advanced and sophisticated ships. They're just amazing."

A third tug is scheduled to join Puyallup and Seminole later in year, enabling Port Ops. personnel to complete tug operations on ships as large as aircraft carriers without outside assistance.

***USS Puyallup* (YT 806) and *USS Seminole* (YT 805) push *USS Fitzgerald* (DDG 62) to tie up at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Mar. 23. USS Puyallup is one of the new tugs with increased power and maneuverability that is replacing the older tugboat as CFAY, the only independently tugged harbor in the U.S. Navy.**

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Disaster-affected children experience CFAY homestay

Japanese children from northeastern Japan, visited CFAY March 30 to April 1 for a special homestay, hosted by Yokosuka base families.

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PSD Yokosuka returns to online appointment system

Beginning April 30, Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) on board CFAY will transition to a "by-appointment only" service system for service members.

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