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MSRON 7 Sailors on Guam Join USNS Mercy



(Navy News Stand) Approximately 50 Sailors from Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7 Security Division 71 departed U.S. Naval Base Guam aboard USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) May 24 to begin their participation in the international humanitarian mission Pacific Partnership 2010.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=53587

Sailors Pay Tribute to Fallen at Oahu Veterans Cemetery

(Navy news Stand) Sailors from Hawaii-area commands took part in a cleaning and beautification project at the Navy veterans cemetery in Oahu Cemetery Honolulu May 21. http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=53579

The struggle for mastery of the Pacific

(Today Online) When Admiral Timothy J Keating, Commander of the United States Navy's Pacific fleet, visited China in 2007, a high-ranking Chinese naval officer proposed the two countries demarcate a "zone of control" at Hawaii, defining the limits of US naval influence and the beginning of China's maritime sphere.

<http://www.todayonline.com/World/EDC100526-0000102/The-struggle-for-mastery-of-the-Pacific>

China said to be moving away from North Korea over ship sinking

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<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/20100526/BREAKING/100526006/China+said+to+be+moving+away+from+North+Korea+over+ship+sinking>

Hawaii 50th State Fair Scheduled Through June

(Aloha Update) Free admission for active duty and retired Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard personnel and their dependents. Must have valid military ID to receive free admission.

<http://www.alohaupdate.com/2010/05/25/hawaii-50th-state-fair-scheduled-through-june/>

Don't Ask Don't Tell

(Time) The House has its own challenges, with almost all Republicans opposing the change except for the GOP's newest member, Hawaii's Charles Djou.

<http://swampland.blogs.time.com/2010/05/26/dont-ask-dont-tell/?xid=rss-topstories#ixzzOp3U2NWRA>

Military conference brings branches together

(KUAM News) The Annual Pacific Air Force Conference (PACAF) was held in Honolulu, Hawaii this past month. Guam National Guard Adjutant General Major General Donald Goldhorn says the event consisted of active duty, reserve, and National Guard service members from Alaska, Hawaii and Guam.

<http://www.kuam.com/Global/story.asp?S=12542998>

A nonprofit steps up to raise money, outfit nurseries for military families having babies

(Press Enterprise) Shari Wolf was looking to volunteer with a military cause because her son Christopher, 22, is a Marine stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, awaiting deployment to Afghanistan.

http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE_News_Local_D_showers26.45a61bd.html

'SMALL WARS' EAT AWAY AT AMERICA'S STRENGTHS

(Yahoo News) The Hawaiians believe in talking everything out, which is ideal in an idyllic place like Hawaii, but in Iraq? In Iran? In Burma? In Chechnya? Someday the real military mind of Barack Obama will be revealed to us; someday, we will understand. But for now, these mysteries are troubling ones. http://news.yahoo.com/s/ucgg/20100525/cm_ucgg/smallwarseatawayatamericasstrengths

Coast Guard green-lights 'top kill' procedure on leaking well

(Honolulu Advertiser) The Coast Guard has given BP approval to try to stop the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico by pumping heavy mud into the well, but there's no word yet on when the attempt will start.

<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/20100526/BREAKING/100526005/Coast+Guard+green-lights++top+kill++procedure+on+leaking+well>

Fleet considering video games to tone recruits

(Navy Times) Today's tech-savvy young people could use their video game skills to get physically fit as new Navy recruits, using the equivalents of Nintendo's "Wii Fit" or Konami's "Dance Dance Revolution," to get started in boot camp, the Navy's top medical officer said.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/navy_videogame_bootcamp_052610w/

3,077 reservists advance to E-4, E-5, E-6

(Navy Times) The word is out: 3,077 selected reservists will move into the petty officer ranks or get an additional stripe in this year's spring advancement cycle.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/navy_reserve_petty_officers_052510w/

GOP on gay ban repeal: Study benefits first

(Navy Times) House Republicans are pressing to delay repeal of the military's ban on open service by gays until after the Pentagon completes a comprehensive review of whether gay couples should receive benefits similar to those provided to married heterosexuals.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/military_gay_ban_republicans_052610w/

Wilson: Concurrent receipt buried in bad bill

(Navy Times) One of the staunchest supporters of ending the so-called "disability tax" on retirees eligible for both military and veterans benefits said he will not vote for a House initiative to help retirees who were unable to complete 20 years of service because of a service-connected disability.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/military_disability_tax_wilson_052610w/

Obama security goals prize nonmilitary moves

(Navy Times) The Obama administration's new outline of national security goals says the U.S. must galvanize support abroad to tackle global troubles, a contrast to former President George W. Bush's emphasis on going it alone and striking pre-emptively if necessary.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/ap_obama_security_goals_052610/

1,200 guardsmen headed for Mexico border

(Navy Times) President Obama pledged Tuesday to send 1,200 National Guard troops to the U.S. border with Mexico - but some lawmakers want far more.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/military_guard_mexico_border_052510w/

Supreme Court gets papers in Snyder lawsuit

(Navy Times) The father of a Marine killed in Iraq says anti-gay protesters who showed up with inflammatory signs at his son's funeral in Maryland should not be given blanket protection by the Constitution.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/ap_snyder_protest_deadmarine_052510/

Few surprises in Naval Operations Concept

(Navy Times) The Navy on Tuesday released the final version of its Naval Operations Concept, but the document held few surprises and did not discuss how a shrinking Navy can sustain current operations tempo.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/navy_NOC_052510w/

PaCom leader wants stronger ties with China

(Navy Times) The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific said Tuesday that military ties with China are lagging behind the countries' other dealings in maturity and sophistication.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/05/ap_us_china_052510/

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